

Lola Lavonne “Vonnie” Foster of Meadow, SD passed away peacefully December 31, 2024. Vonnie was born October 26th 1941 to Alwyn and Bernadette Rose.

Vonnie was a life-long Perkins County resident. Her early childhood was spent at the ranch on Rabbit Creek. When it was time to start school her parents bought and operated Rose’s Red and White, a general store in Meadow so they could attend Meadow Central School.

When she advanced to high school she boarded in town and graduated from Lemmon High School in 1959. She then went to one year of college at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota.

Vonnie married Joseph “Randy” Foster on July 21, 1960. They moved to the Foster ranch on Thunder Butte Creek where they raised their children. They welcomed their daughter Stacy in May of 1961 followed by two sons Rusty in Dec, 1962 and Ace in May, 1965.

Vonnie ranched along with Randy and also cooked and waitressed at Granny’s Café in Faith starting in 1976 until she started working at the Meadow post office in 1988 until she retired in 2013.

Vonnie was involved with many different organizations and boards. She was a founding member of the Rough & Ready 4-H club. She was involved with the Sagebrush Rustlers Extension Community Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She held positions on the Foster Township Board, Meadow Cemetery Board, Three Rivers Mental Health, Indian Creek Lutheran Church Council and a member of the Meadow Area Historical Society that published the “100 Year History of Meadow”.

Vonnie enjoyed sewing and making quilts. She could always be found at Indian Creek Church putting quilts together and enjoying fellowship with ladies in the community that came together.

She also tried her hand successfully at leather tooling, upholstery, and anything else she put her mind too.

Vonnie became “special” friends with Ron Bachman. They enjoyed attending different events, cooking for each other, and playing cribbage together. At the sale barn lobby Ron asked Julie if she thought Vonnie would say yes to a date. Their first date was at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

When you stopped to visit at Vonnie’s she always had the coffee ready, FREE ice water, and you were not allowed to leave hungry.

Vonnie loved to watch her children and grandchildren participate in various sports, activities and rodeos. It did not matter the weather or the miles she would be out in the cold in her red snow suit or later the black one or dressed up for the occasion at hand.

Vonnie lived in the same house that she designed and Randy built until 2023. Due to declining physical ability she moved to Dolan Creek in Sturgis, SD. She continued to receive many visitors and phone calls so she was able to stay up to date with the news along the creek. When Stacy would call and ask about her day in later years she was often “ranchin’ from the window”.

Vonnie was never afraid to say what she thought!

Vonnie is survived by her daughter; Stacy (Brian) Boomgaarden, her son’s; Rusty (Julie) Foster, and Ace (Heidi) Foster, 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren with 3 more on the way, sister; Evelyn (Jim) Reed, brother; Les (Cheryl Garrison) Rose. She had a big extended family that she loved and many dear friends.

Vonnie was preceded in death by her husband; Randy, parents Alwyn & Bernadette Rose, 2 brothers-in-law Donald Foster, Robert Foster and a sister-in-law Bonnie Haynes and special friend; Ron Bachman.

“I Love You but remember Jesus loves you more.” -Vonnie Foster

In Loving Memory of **Lola “Vonnie” Foster** **1942 - 2024**



Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures.*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.*

*He leadeth me into the path of
righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for
thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*



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Date and Place of Birth

October 26, 1941

Lemmon, SD

Date and Place of Death

December 31, 2024

Lemmon, SD

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Indian Creek Lutheran Church

Meadow, SD

Chauncy Jorgenson, officiating

Casketbearers

Mandy VanHuevelen

Tori Gross

Tigh Foster

Scott Boomgaarden

Cassie Foster

Garett Foster

Kayle Irie

Lane Foster

Heather Foster

Mattie Boomgaarden

Jake Foster

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Vonnie's Friends and Neighbors

Interment

Gallaway Cemetery

Meadow, SD

"When shadows fall across our lives and dim the sunshine's glow, by being here you help us bear our grief and onward go." With that thought in mind, we thank you for attending today's service. Following the burial, please join the family back at Indian Creek Lutheran Church for a luncheon and time of fellowship.

Evanson Jensen Funeral Home

Greg Jensen, Matthew Barnes & Caitlin Johnson, Directors

Louise, Assistant

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