



Wanda Arlene Anders was born on July 17, 1933, to Henry and Nettie Raetz and spent the first years of her life at Elm Springs, South Dakota, with her parents and five siblings. On September 21, 1949, she married Ron Anders in Sturgis, SD. They worked various jobs, eventually making their home at Union Center in 1956, operating a successful trucking company. In the early years, she was the voice on the phone, booking loads and keeping things organized.

God gave her the gift of music; she could play numerous instruments, wrote songs, and even taught music in some of the rural schools where she also served as a teacher's aide. She loved working with kids.

She played in several dance bands over the years, and at various nursing and assisted living facilities and church - she just loved to entertain others and make them feel good.

Wanda had a beauty shop in their home for years where people (men and women) came from the community and surrounding area to get their hair done because "no one could do hair like Wanda". Most of the grandkids received their first haircut from Grandma. Her love for people and making them feel good has always been important, she never met a stranger, at least not for long. However, her greatest pride and joy was her family. She loved attending family activities, grandchildren's events, and spending time together.

Wanda, 88, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Sandstone Assisted Living in Spearfish.

She is survived by her children, Stan (Chris) of Union Center, SD, Rhonda (Roy) Sigman of Vale, SD, Lynn (Ron) Wright of Gillette, WY, Steve (Sue) Anders of Sturgis, SD; eleven grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Also, her brother, Bill (Jo) Raetz of Matador, TX, and sister, Gloria (Larry) Roberdeau of Brandon, SD.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ron; parents, brother, Warren Raetz; sisters, Ellen Cowen and Bernice Chord; brothers-in-law, Don Cowen and Wayne Chord; sister-in-law, Evelyn Raetz; and one grandson, Travis Anders.

A memorial has been established to the Shriner's.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to a reception, in the church basement, following the burial. Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Wanda Arlene Anders

July 17, 1933 ~ December 23, 2021



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Born
July 17, 1933
South Dakota

Died
December 23, 2021
Spearfish, South Dakota

*Until the ashes of the earth are fallen into space,
Until each group of people becomes a single race,
Until the stars cease to shine up in the sky so blue,
Only then, my darlings, will I stop loving you.
Until the birds cease their singing,
and nature's beauty is all gone,
Until there is no moon at night,
and there is no shining sun.
Until the waters cease to flow
and the mountains are gone from view.
Only then, my dearest ones,
will I stop loving you.
Until the rain stops falling
and God decides His work is through
Until my life on earth is done,
will I stop loving you.*



Funeral Service

Thursday, December 30, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Wes Labrier
Reverend Paul Henschen

Musicians

Danny Chapman Kay King

Sign Language Interpreters

Gina and Alyssa Anders

Special Music

“When I Get Where I’m Going”
“I Believe”
“I Can Only Imagine”

Pallbearers

Justin Anders Josh Sigman Will Larson
Conrad Kjerstad Nate Frederickson Cody Oster

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren and
Great-great-grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

