



## *Gwendolyn "Gwen" Kilness*

Gwendolyn Dee Kilness was born September 7, 1931, in Huron, SD, to Gena (Ordal) and Martin Wilkins. She attended Clark grade school and high school all 12 years to graduate and went on to Augustana College for nursing. On June 3, 1952, Gwen married Harold Kilness and they returned to the ranch to

live in the Marcus area.

Gwen was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church where she was very active in the Bethel Ladies Aide and where she taught Sunday school for 50+ years. She was also a member of the Marcus Community Club. She enjoyed helping those that needed help and her nursing skills were used many times giving allergy shots to some of the neighbors. She enjoyed cooking her cinnamon rolls and twists that were enjoyed by all!! As hobbies she loved sewing and gardening.

Mom helped Dad with chores, milking the cows, farming, and working in the hay fields. Later on she enjoyed playing with the grand-kids and going to grade school and high school activities.

Gwen Kilness, age 90, died Thursday October 28, 2021, at the Philip Hospital in Philip, S.D.

Survivors include son, Robin (Linda) Kilness and daughter DeeAnne Kilness, both of Howes, SD; grandchildren: Philip Kilness, Diane (Mac) Cadwell, Jene (Dalton) Harrison, Robin Linn Kilness (Lane Eaton), and Billie Kilness; great-granddaughters: Lorrain and Lainey Harrison.

Gwen was preceded in death by husband, Harold Kilness; her parents, Martin and Gena Wilkins; brother, Russ Wilkins; and her in-laws, Philip and Josephine Kilness.

A memorial has been established to Bethel Lutheran Church and the Philip Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent to [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to a luncheon and time of fellowship, following the burial, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Gwendolyn D. Kilness***  
*September 7, 1931 ~ October 28, 2021*



*In Loving Memory*  
**Gwendolyn D. Kilness**

**Born**

September 7, 1931  
Huron, South Dakota

**Died**

October 28, 2021  
Philip, South Dakota

**Funeral Service**

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Faith, South Dakota

**Officiating**

Reverend Mark Richardson

**Special Music**

“How Great Thou Art” “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”  
“Lord’s Prayer” “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

**Musicians**

Jayne Jordan Joni Hunt Jessica Hunt

**Pallbearers**

Tom Larson Mac Cadwell Dalton Harrison  
Philip Kilness Lane Eaton John Sletten  
Dan Jordan Bart Carmichal

**Honorary Pallbearers**

All Friends, Neighbors, and Family

**Final Resting Place**

Faith Cemetery  
Faith, South Dakota

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 in the paths 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 & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23