



The Legacy

***When I die, give what is left of me to children.
If you need to cry, cry for your brothers
walking beside you.
Put your arms around anyone and give them
what you need to give to me.
I want to leave you with something,
something better than words or wounds.
Look for me in the people I have known and loved.
And if you cannot live without me,
Then let me live on in your eyes, your mind,
and your acts of kindness.
You can love me most by letting hands touch hands
And letting go of children that need to be free.
Love does not die, people do.
So when all that is left of me is love...
Give me away...***



Doris Mabel Smith

Doris was born January 9, 1935, at Timber Lake, SD, to Edward O. and Mabel E. (Winterberg) Gunderson. She graduated from high school in 1953.

Doris married Harold "Pete" Helmey in 1955. They had two sons. They lived in several different places throughout the Western United States. Doris was a homemaker and raised her sons.

In 1976, Doris married T.D. Smith. They were together for 29 years and lived in California and Texas. They both had a love for music and worked together to fulfill his dream to be a country singer. Doris worked as a Hotel Desk Manager until her retirement in 1999.

Doris loved working in her yard and was particularly fond of roses. She had many different varieties and colors. She loved to read and her favorite series were Harlequin Romances. Her other passion and hobby was crocheting.

In 2007, Doris moved back to South Dakota to be closer to her family.

Doris Mabel Smith, 77, Sturgis, went home to be with the Lord on August 7, 2012. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a long battle with cancer.

Survivors include her mother, Mabel Gunderson, Timber Lake; sons, Chet (Linda) Helmey, Buffalo, SD, and Kevin (Kim) Helmey, Reedley, CA; stepson, Joe Smith, Fresno, CA; stepdaughter, Lita Wade, Whitharrol, TX; brothers, Melvin (Cookie) Gunderson, Sturgis, SD, Melford (Gloria) Gunderson, Black Hawk, SD, Marlin Gunderson, Pierre, SD, Layne (Karla) Gunderson, Mandan, ND, Tim Gunderson, Pierre, SD, and Terry Gunderson, Sturgis, SD; sisters, Beatrice (Ernest) Wilson, Sturgis, Gloria (Jack) Guffey, Rapid City, SD, Carol (Marvin) Sasse, Rapid City, SD, Sylvia Moret, Hartley, IA, and Jayne (Clyde) Pfeifle, Timber Lake, SD; brother-in-law, Jerry Helmey, Eldorado Hills, CA; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, her father, two brothers, and one stepson.

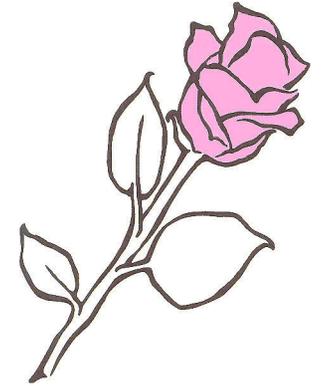
A memorial has been established.

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





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