

Alice Irene Schuette

Born

October 26, 1925
Hamill, South Dakota

Died

August 27, 2021
Sturgis, South Dakota

Graveside Service

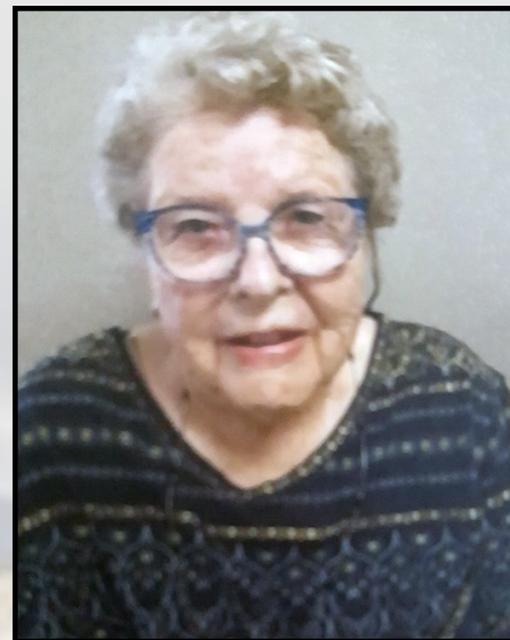
Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor David Bear

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen*



In Loving Memory of

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Alice was the first child born to Irene (McEachran) and Paul M. Johnson at Hamill, SD, on October 26, 1925. They lived on a farm west of Hamill and Alice really loved living in the country from the time she was able to get out of doors. Her first baby sitter was a big tall roan horse named Old Jack. If her dad was not riding Old Jack, they kept him in a fenced in yard around the house. He was really a gentle, good horse and her mom would put her in the saddle and she would ride Old Jack around the yard but if he stopped to rest or eat some grass, Alice did not mind. Some relatives came one day from Omaha, NE, and the man ran out to get Alice off Old Jack, but the horse did not know the man and would not let him get within ten feet of him. The man had a fit and said Alice should not be riding a horse that was not gentle enough so anyone could walk up and take her off. Daddy and Old Jack did not see it that way. When she was three years old, she and Old Jack would take lunch to her dad who was working with a team of horses in a field about one mile east of the house. Old Jack was a member of the family and served as a baby sitter until Alice no longer needed one.

When Alice was ten her parents had moved to a ranch near the White River and northwest of Hamill and her dad pastured a large herd of cattle during the summer months for two bachelor brothers who lived nearby. They hired Alice to ride along a mile of creek that ran through the ranch every day to be sure that there were no cattle bogged down in the quicksand spots along the creek. If there was a cow or calf stuck in the mud, she went home to get her dad to get the cow out. The brothers paid her \$5 for the summer and did she have a good time spending that \$5! It bought a lot of gifts during those years.

After Old Jack, Alice rode Silver, a little sorrel gelding until her dad bought a little part Arabian gelding that had been trained to do some tricks and he never trotted, he paced or loped and that suited her just fine. They were best buddies until she was a junior in high school. She rode him five miles to Hamill and back home again every day the first two years she was in high school.

After graduation from Hamill High School in 1942, she attended Luther College for a year and then returned to Winner, SD, to work in the office of Omaha Cold Storage.

On January 30, 1944, she married Jerry Addington and they moved to Provo, SD. Their son, Douglas Addington was born in 1945. In 1946 they moved to Newcastle, WY, where Jerry took a job teaching school at Osage and Newcastle and Alice went to work in June, 1946, at the Wyoming State Employment Service, a job she truly loved. In September 1949, she was promoted to office manager for Weston, Crook and Campbell counties. At this time there was a lot of oil field activity in the area and Alice loved the people she dealt with as well as the people who were her employees and supervisors. She spent time in Gillette, Hulett, Sundance, Moorcroft, and Upton, as well as Newcastle, matching employees and

jobs. Her marriage to Jerry ended in 1951.

On February 14, 1956, a friend introduced her to Charlie B. Schuette and they were married October 14, 1956, and she and her son, Douglas moved to the ranch southwest of Upton to live but she continued to drive to Newcastle to work until July 1, 1957.

Alice and Charlie enjoyed working together and although she often took a short time job in town her main interest was the ranch and helping her husband. She enjoyed living on a ranch again and Charlie made sure she had a good horse and got to ride it too. She enjoyed helping Charlie and the neighbors work cattle, move cattle or help run tractors in the field where and when Charlie needed her.

In 1988, Alice signed a contract with the Curtis Publishing company to produce a Weston County History book and she was really overwhelmed by the way the community responded and by the large number of people that contributed family stories to the book and the number of people who came to help with it. The result of their joint efforts produced a huge eleven-pound history book that has stories galore. She was grateful for all the help she got from the people in the community. She felt it never would have been the book it was without everyone pitching in to help.

After a month long stay at the Rapid City Regional hospital in Rapid City, SD, Charlie passed away on July 30, 1997. Alice sold the ranch March 1, 1999, and moved to Newcastle, WY, to live. While there she helped 2 friends with their history projects and enjoyed every minute of it.

In October 2016, her health took a turn for the worst and after a brief time in the Rapid City Regional hospital, she entered a long-term care facility in Rapid City. Eventually a room came open at the Weston County Manor and she was able to return to the state she loved! Her time at the Manor was a blessing. She saw old friends, had wonderful visits and made new friends. Would you have expected anything else?!

Alice passed peacefully on August 27, 2021, at Weston County Manor in Newcastle, WY.

Alice is survived by her son, Douglas (Linda) Addington, San Antonio, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie; brother, Paul M. (Bud) Johnson; sister, Ruby M. Johnson Carlson; and many close family members and friends.

Alice's family wishes to express sincere gratitude to Weston County Manor Staff for their outstanding medical care and compassion as well as providing a warm, loving family atmosphere for our aunt.

At Alice's request in lieu of flowers any memorials are to be made payable to the Weston County Health Care in Newcastle, WY, in her memory.

The family encourages the use of masks during the visitation and are required for use at Black Hills National Cemetery

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

We thank you for your presence and condolences.