

Ruth Ireta Linn

Ruth Ireta (Moore) Linn, wild rabbit tamer, first place grade-school speech champion and granddaughter rescue/get-away driver has made her journey to eternity. She joins an expectant party in Heaven including her husband, Clifford, whom she married in 1945 rather than join the WAVES; her son Kent Linn; her seven siblings; as well as her parents, all of whom she has missed.

Ruth was a hater of fish and a lover of Chinese food. She sang while she worked, whether indoors or out in her garden. Hymns were her favorite music, chocolate her favorite snack and Wheel of Fortune was her guilty pleasure. She was born in Elm Springs on November 4, 1927. As a child, Ruth attended a country school in Hereford and swapped dresses with her four sisters while attending Sturgis High School.

Cliff and Ruth spent the first year of their marriage in California, where he was stationed in the Navy. She worked as usher at a movie theater there. After WWII, she and Cliff moved back to South Dakota, built a home and raised a family. In Sturgis, they were active in several civic organizations. They participated in Key City Saddle Club, and horse shows while raising their two children, Kathie and Kent. She worked for over twenty years at the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce as the Office Manager.

Over the years, Ruth acquired a taste for coffee by adding a bit more to her cream each day. This was often her approach with the bitter things in life, best taken in doses and with cream and sugar. She took her granddaughters, from a young age, to the “café” for pastries. As a champion of the downtrodden, Ruth came to the rescue of those who were in need, whether genetically related or not. All were family! Ruth’s love for others was forged in her profound faith in Christ and love for His body.

Her daughter Kathie; granddaughters, Alesha, April, Amber, and Allyson; great-grandchildren, John, Alyse, Andrew, Stephanie, Brian (BJ), Chloe, and Isaac; great-great grandsons, Urijah and Kelly Ray; as well as several “adopted grandkids” will dearly miss her. However, we can almost hear the clamber of the Moore clan in Heaven as the last of the girls arrives. The last thing she wanted to accomplish in her life was to see people love each other. Please join us in showing our love for her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wesleyan Church of Sturgis. As a special request of the family please wear purple or red, Ruth’s favorite colors, to the funeral.

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

In Loving Memory Of



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1927 ~ 2013



Psalm 121

New King James Version (NKJV)

***God the Help of Those Who Seek Him
A Song of Ascents.***

*121 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?*

*² My help comes from the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.*

*³ He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.*

*⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;

The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

*⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.*

*⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.*

*⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.*

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Born

November 4, 1927
Elm Springs, South Dakota

Died

December 10, 2013
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, December 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.
First Wesleyan Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Dan Ziebarth

Accompanists

Mary Harms
Pam Heltibridle

Musical Selections

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
"In The Garden"
"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
in the church hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*