

Betty Mae Ryan, 89, Lead, SD passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at Edgewood Healthcare, Spearfish. Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, May 8, at Mountain Lawn Cemetery near Lead. Followed immediately by a Celebration of Life at the Trinity United Methodist Church Community Center.

Betty Mae Holt was born at Belle Fourche on May 14, 1936 to Rolfe and Ruby (Shadoan) Holt. She was baptized in the Newell Lutheran Church, lived on a farm and attended elementary school in Newell. In 1947 the family moved to Nevada Gulch near Lead, where she graduated from Lead High School in 1954 and has continued to reside there. Betty was happily married to Wayne L. Ryan for nearly 57 years until his death in 2008. To this union four children were born; Gail, Wayne Jr, Steven and John.

Betty was active in 4-H; Boy Scouts; P.T.A.; Twin City Saddle Club and for many years served on local election boards.. In 1969, Betty started working at the Lead-Deadwood School System. She retired in June 1995 as Director of Food Services after 26 years of service to the students and staff there. She was a member of the American and South Dakota School Food Service Associations and was honored with a plaque from them in 1995 for outstanding contributions to child nutrition programs. She was a long-time member of Beta Sigma Phi Society and the local women's bowling league. Betty enjoyed doing stone-work, flowers, garden, horses, bowling, family reunions, spending time with many friends and especially her family.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Gail (Dennis Williams) Clyne, Lead; sons, Wayne (Valerie) Ryan Jr, Spearfish, Steven (Maggie) Ryan, Lead, John (Jolene) Ryan, Whitewood; 11 granddaughters; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wayne Sr.; three siblings, John "Jack", Frances "Jean" and Connie; granddaughter, Stacy Ryan and great-grandchildren, Dana Frasier and Ryder Chambers.



Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory

Betty Mae Ryan

May 14, 1936 - April 14, 2026



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,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.



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May 14, 1936

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Spearfish, South Dakota

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

May 8, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Mountain Lawn Cemetery

Lead, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jason Christensen

Trinity United Methodist Church

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

May 8, 2026

Trinity UMC Community Center

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

“Old Rugged Cross”

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Wayne Ryan Jr. Steve Ryan

John Ryan Dennis Williams