

Irene Oster

God called Irene Oster to His heavenly home on August 21, 2021. Irene was 98 ½ years young.

Irene (Pfeifle) Oster was born November 5, 1922, near Herreid, SD, the daughter of Gottlieb and Karolina (Koegle) Pfeifle. Irene's mother passed away when she was four years old, and her father raised Irene and eight siblings in the Herreid, Mound City areas. Irene kept busy attending school, helping with family chores, and working on nearby neighborhood farms, often rising extra early to get chores done to make sure she got to school on time. She learned at a young age the life skills of organizing tasks, time management and how to prioritize. At school she excelled in academics and won multiple awards in sporting activities.

Irene married John Oster Jr., and they purchased a farm near Java, SD, where they started their family. In 1953, they sold the farm and moved to Spearfish where John worked for Homestake sawmill and Mining Company in Lead. Irene raised their five children and worked with the Spearfish school district lunch program and helped manage local motels and apartments. She was a champion in showing her children good work ethics. Irene has been a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Spearfish for 68 years. Irene had a strong faith in God, believing there was good in everyone and was always welcoming and friendly towards all. Her energy and strength were always apparent in everything she did. Everyone was welcome in her home and she was known as 'Mother' and 'Grandmother' by many. Our mother is now in God's hands watching over us and will be dearly missed.

Irene "Little Grandma" is survived by her children: Arlene (Roger) Kromarek, Harley (Karen) Oster, Sylvia (Ron) Hanson, Bruce (Cheryl) Oster, Jerry (Laura) Oster; ten grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

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

The Family thanks you for your presence and condolences.



*He fills my life with good things, so that I stay
young and strong like an eagle. - Psalm 103:5*

In Loving Memory Of

Irene Oster

November 5, 1922 ~ August 21, 2021

"Our Amazing Mom"

Mother, "Little Grandma", Great-Grandmother, Great-Great-Grandmother and a friend to All.

Although Small in Stature Her Spirit was Mighty.

Her Love of Family and Life was evident to All.

Her Strong Faith in God brought her through many adversities, and she carried on.

The stories of her youth are filled with joy and some tears, we learned how strong one can be if we have Faith and Focus.

Her work ethic and energy are beyond super woman, not to be matched.

Her garden and flowers were beautiful, nothing but the best.

Her kitchen was always open, she made our favorite food upon request, and no-one could match those favorites.

Her kitchen table was for visiting and the game gathering place for all ages, she taught the very young and old how to win.

The life lessons that she showed us in her everyday world will be engraved in our minds forever and we shall pass them on.

Mom championed against the big "C" (cancer) twice in her lifetime, and she carried on.

But one day, August 21st, God took her small hand and said, "Irene, it's time to come home to rest."



In Loving Memory Irene Oster

Born

November 5, 1922
Herreid, South Dakota

Died

August 21, 2021
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, October 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Officiating

Reverend Thomas Brown

Musician

Janice Huffman

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me"
"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren,
Great-Great-Grandchildren,

Final Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Spearfish, South Dakota