

Marcella “Wilma” Jean Ryan

Marcella “Wilma” Jean Ryan, 86, of Lead, SD, died Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Monument Home Plus Hospice in Rapid City, SD.

Wilma was born in Hot Springs, SD, on April 18, 1936. She was adopted by Joseph and Aurel Steele at 6 months old. She spent her early years at Englewood, Deadwood, and then Central City. She married David Ryan on July 30, 1955, and made their home in rural Lead where they raised their 3 children. When David passed away, she moved into Lead.

Wilma was a homemaker. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing, camping, and bowling. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Club in Deadwood for over 50 years.

Family was important to her. She loved family gatherings and seeing all the grandchildren. She had an in canny way of knowing everyone’s birthday and age at any given time.

Getting baptized was always something she talked about. Her faith was very important to her in her final days. This past summer she was baptized as a Jehovah Witness.

Survivors include her children, Jerry (Brenda) Ryan, Ray (Aileen) Ryan of Lead, SD, and JoAnna (Walt) Taylor of Spearfish, SD; grandchildren, Billie Jo Inhofer, Josh Ryan, Justin Millard, and Mike Ryan, all of Lead, SD, Brandi Ryan of Rapid City, Tammy Jo McGuckin, of Sundance, WY, Donny Millard, of Zebulon, NC, 16 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Betty Ryan; and many nieces and nephews.

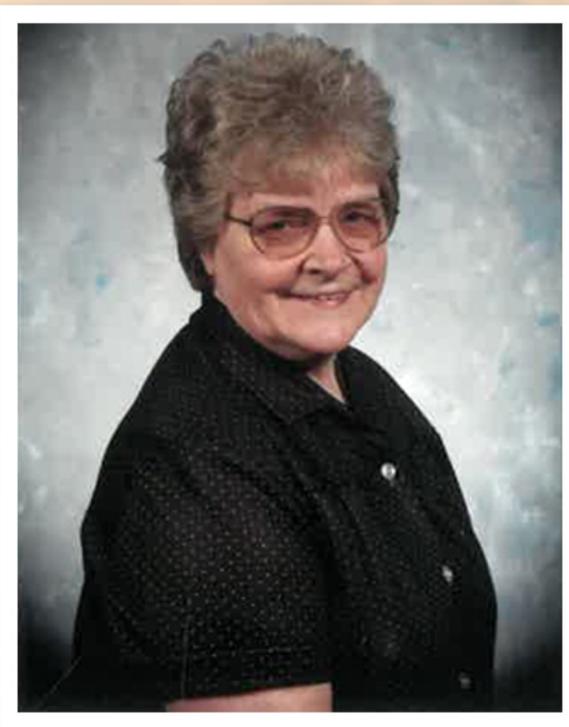
Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, David Ryan, her parents, one sister, and one brother.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to Hospice House of Rapid City.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at the Deadwood VFW (10 Pine St, Deadwood) following the burial.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



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April 18, 1936 ~ February 11, 2023

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Hot Springs, South Dakota

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Rapid City, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Friday, June 23, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Mountain Lawn Cemetery
Lead, South Dakota

Minister

David Culver

Music

"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Pallbearers

Donny Millard Justin Millard
Josh Ryan Michael Ryan

Final Resting Place

Mountain Lawn Cemetery
Lead, South Dakota

*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*