

LaJean Doris Powell was born on January 4, 1929, to Lester E. and Mabel J. (Anderson) Pfantz near Jasper, Minnesota. She was raised on the T.K. Anderson homestead northwest of Jasper and graduated from Jasper High School in 1946. On June 3, 1955, she married Donald G. Powell in San Diego, California. LaJean lived in San Diego for five years, while Don served in the US Navy on a submarine tender during the Korean Conflict. After Don's service, they moved back to Jasper. To this union, three children were welcomed: Edward, Susan, and Daniel. LaJean worked as a secretary for Joe Foss at Raven Industries, until she joined Don in running the family operation, Powell Truck Line. The business grew hauling grain and other flat-bed freight, eventually moving into specialty hauling of honeybees. While working in honey and bee trucking, the Powells also started Sherman Honey Farms. At its height, it operated more than 1,000 colonies of bees. After Don's death on June 18, 1979, LaJean continued to operate the trucking business with her son until retiring in 1996.

LaJean was a member of First Lutheran Church in Sherman. LaJean had a deep love for animals. She raised sheep and cared for many dogs and cats in her lifetime. She fondly remembered growing up on the farm and riding her father's plow horses bareback at every opportunity. She passed her love and compassion for animals onto her children and grandchildren.

LaJean passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include her children: Edward (Lynda) Powell, Garretson, and Susan Powell McKenna, Jasper; daughter-in-law, Mary Beth Powell (Mark) Wiesner, Garretson; and grandchildren: Samuel (Brianna) Powell, Sioux Falls, Joshua (Taylor) Powell, Sioux Falls, Cassidy (Chase) Fairbanks, Wood, South Dakota, Stephanie Rauscher, Yankton, and Nichole Wallin, Luverne. Her great-grandchildren are twins Millie and Josie Fairbanks, and Bodie and Colie Powell. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Donald Powell, son, Daniel Powell, and sisters, Dolores and Lois.

LaJean will be deeply missed but we know she is once again at peace in heaven reunited with her husband, son and sisters.

In Memory Of **LaJean Doris Powell**

January 4, 1929 † April 7, 2025

Funeral Service

1:00 PM

Friday, April 11, 2025

Minnehaha Funeral Home
Garretson, South Dakota

Clergy

Dianne Kludt

Music

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

“This is My Father's World”

“Morning Has Broken”

Pallbearers

Samuel Powell

Jason Krueger

Chase Fairbanks

Joshua Powell

Gary Krueger

Mark Wiesner

Interment

Jasper City Cemetery
Jasper, Minnesota

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



A Life Remembered

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