

*It seems as if forever ago,
for the time we will never get,
we will never know.*

*But your gift of life has forever grown,
into each of our hearts deeper than you'll ever know.*

*For life is bitter sweet,
the goodbyes we never mean.*

*For the lives we intervene,
for the space we leave in-between.*

*You've helped guide us through all you've seen,
and will continue to guide us in our dreams.*

*Forever in our hearts,
forever in our minds,*

you will be with us until the end of time.

*Your light is bright and shimmers with gleam,
for you are someone dear to me.*

*We will cherish the moments together,
as if they are a golden feather.*

*As we go through this endeavor,
may we find to be closer than ever.*

Written by: Jeremy King



In loving Memory

Leota 'Kay' Solberg

September 28, 1942 ~ September 8, 2025



Leota Kay (Lindstedt) Solberg was born to Thure and Ethel (Yegge) Lindstedt on September 28, 1942, in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, in a farmhouse and baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She graduated from Wessington Springs High School and went on to attend Nettleton College for business and started working as a bookkeeper at 1st National Bank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On August 5, 1962, she was united in marriage to Merle Solberg and the couple shared 52 wonderful years together. As a devoted farm wife, she was actively involved in her community, contributing to the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, being a 4-H leader, and served on the board of the nursing home in Hudson. Kay was an active member of Hudson Lutheran Church where she served on the council, was past president of WELCA, and spent 25 years as the church secretary.

Her dedication extended beyond her church and community roles. Kay was a distributor of Shaklee products and became certified in cake decorating. On the farm she was a vital partner, helping with the farming operation, feeding the hired farmhands, hauling corn, and working alongside her mother, Ethel, on their rug looming business.

Kay found joy in dancing at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls where she met Merle. In 2007, Kay and Merle began spending winters at Trophy Gardens in Alamo, Texas. She enjoyed playing cards, going on bus tours, and was well known for her baking, especially her cinnamon rolls, bread, and lefse. Kay was involved with canning, having a garden and processing sweet corn which brought many wonderful memories. She had memorable vacations such as an Alaskan Cruise, visiting family in the Scandinavian countries and many areas of the United States. Kay passed away Monday, September 8, 2025, at Alcester Care & Rehab in Alcester, South Dakota at the age of 82.

Kay is survived by her daughter, Aprilsue King (Michael Stalcup) of Hudson, South Dakota; son and daughter-in-law; grandchildren, Derrek (Kelci) Solberg of Loveland, Colorado, Shannon King, Shawn King, and Jayden King (Ivy Kraft) all of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Jeremy King of Brandon, South Dakota; great-grandchildren, Ryleigh Solberg, Hunter Solberg, and Noah King; and nieces, Peggy Farnum of Littleton, Colorado, Penny Moore and Linda (Bob) Remy both of Great Falls, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thure and Ethel Lindstedt; husband, Merle Solberg; sisters, Rosellen Quamen and Corenne Holmes; and brother, Ivan Lindstedt.

Remembering the Life of
Leota 'Kay' Solberg

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Saturday, September 13, 2025
Hudson Lutheran Church
Hudson, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Carolyn Salberg

ACCOMPANIST

Beth Serck

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Loves Me (Senior Version)"

Tracy Gayer

"In the Garden"

"The Yellow Rose of Texas"

"How Great Thou Art"

Lisa Sutton and Anna Evans

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

PALLBEARERS

Derek Solberg ~ Shannon King ~ Shawn King
Jeremy King ~ Jayden King ~ Ivy Kraft

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

John Anderson ~ Terry Van Meeteren
Joe Gacke ~ Bryan King ~ Michael Stalcup

INTERMENT

Eden Cemetery
Hudson, South Dakota

Kay's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church basement fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

