

Margaret Louise Aldrich was born on November 13, 1932, in Mobile, Alabama, to Charles and Venice (Cook) Wasserleben. She grew up in Alabama and graduated from Theodore High School in Theodore, Alabama. She met Alvin “Sonny” Aldrich from Hartford, South Dakota, while he was stationed in Mobile in the Air Force. They married on January 21, 1952, in Mississippi. After Sonny was discharged in 1953, they moved to Hartford area and settled on the family farm. It was here that Margaret became a farmer’s wife. She wasn’t afraid of hard work and enjoyed her life on the farm. She always had a garden and beautiful flower beds, and she loved to cook and bake for her family and visiting friends. In 1986, they moved into Colton from the farm and she started a small daycare. Sonny and Margaret bowled together for over 50 years. They both participated in men’s, women’s and mixed leagues on Berge’s Store sponsored teams. As Sonny’s health declined, Margaret took care of him until he passed away on September 1, 2011. They were married for 59 years.

Margaret passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Ava’s House in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include her children, Peggy (Jerry) Grode, Sioux Falls, SD; Kim Bamsey, Colton, SD; Allen (Melissa) Aldrich, Houston, TX; Margo (Dale) Stewart, Kimball, SD and Jerry (Pam) Aldrich, Sioux Falls, SD; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sister, Peggy Fountain, and sister-in-law, Darlene Lofstedt. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Alvin “Sonny” Aldrich, brothers and their wives, Edward (Mary Catherine) Wasserleben, Robert (Mary) Wasserleben, and Fred (Hilda) Wasserleben; brother-in-law, Llavoid Fountain; and Sonny’s brothers and their wives, Keith (Jean) Aldrich, Marvin (Esther) Aldrich; and Sonny’s brother-in-law, Wally Lofstedt.

In Memory Of **Margaret L. Aldrich**

November 13, 1932 † September 18, 2025

Memorial Service

10:30 AM

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

First Lutheran Church

Colton, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Herb Wounded Head III

Organist

Deb Bunde

Soloist

Josh Grode

“In the Garden”

“Go in Peace”

Congregational Hymns

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

Honorary Pallbearers

Margaret’s Grandchildren

Josh Grode

Christine Tounsley

Ashley Stewart

Kyle Grode

Erika Bamsey

Beth Reeves

Jonathon Reeves

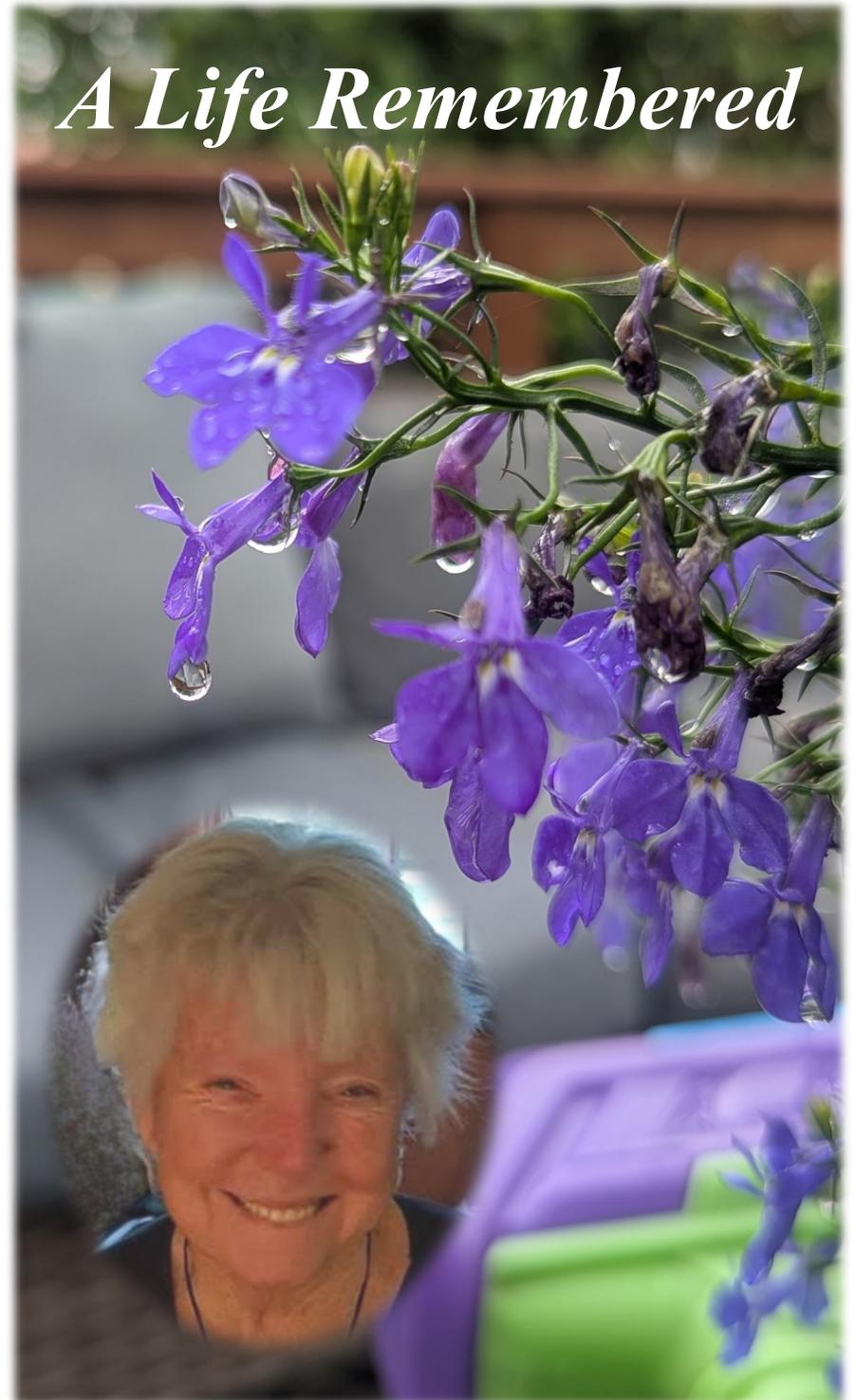
Interment

South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery

Sioux Falls, South Dakota



A Life Remembered



Until We Meet Again!!!

The family of Margaret Aldrich thank you for your presence and support. They invite you for lunch and fellowship at the church following the memorial service.