

Anna Irene Stenerson

Anna was born April 26, 1921, to Mikal Norman and Anna Marie Moe Iverson on their Ladner farm, Ladner, SD. Anna grew up with her 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She attended Ladner grade school, then attended high school in Camp Crook, SD.

Anna married Edson Richard Stenerson on April 26, 1938, 2 weeks before she completed her freshman year. They were married 52 years.

Annie and Eddie lived in Camp Crook, SD, Hardin, MT, then later settled on their farm at Ladner, SD. To this union were 10 children: Edson Mikal (Micky), David LeRoy, Jerry Lee, Karen Irene, Karl Iver, Robert Arland, Myrna Louise, LeAnna Kay, DiAnna Fay, and Joseph Lewis.

Anna's greatest love was her children. She would read the Bible, books, and make up stories and write in her own little books. She taught many games, especially scrabble, teaching crafts, sewing, making bread, and being a wonderful role model! Annie held the role of 'Scrabble Queen.'

Annie was a rural mail carrier for approximately 45 years. She was one of the first EMT's in Ladner, a Home Health aide in Buffalo, wrote Ladner news for Nation Center paper, and a neighbor who loved company.

Annie and Eddie opened their home and hearts to young and old. They were support to all during many life experiences and their home was a safe haven. Many young persons boarded during winter months to attend school. They were considered family members!

Annie did not know the word 'bored!' She was a gifted quilt maker, sewed clothes for her children, grew gardens, canned food, collected rocks, hiked, climbed Bear Butte, and loved to explore!

Annie loved to travel! Her handle was 'Roadrunner!' She visited all 48 lower states and 2 countries. In 2004, she jumped the Grand River with her Nissan. Many of her grandchildren will tell of being taught to drive while on the mail route.

Anna Irene Iverson Stenerson, 95, died Friday, February 3, 2017, in Russellville, AR, at her home surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her children: sons, Edson (Micky), St. Francisville, LA, David and Jerry (Linda), Buffalo, SD, Karl (Barbara), Horicon, WI, Robert (Dawn), McKenna, WA, and Joseph (Cheri), Chandler, AZ; daughters, Karen (Sherman) Ruona, Canon City, CO, Myrna (Robby) Gumpenberger, Russellville, AR, LeAnna Short, Wichita, KS, and DiAnna (Alvin Kasper) Gray, Salina, KS; 72 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Iver (Bev) Iverson, San Manuel, AZ, and Norman (Lenora) Iverson, Des Moines, IA; sister, Elvida Hack, Radcliff, KY; sisters-in-laws, Gladys Stenerson Sonne, Albany, OR, Verna Stenerson, Hardin, MT, and Vera Iverson, Questa, NM; cousin, Marcella Erickson, Rapid City, SD; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edson; 3 grandchildren, Andrew Allen Stenerson, Jae Louis Stenerson, and Sabrina Marie Stenerson Hagler; son-in-law, Joseph Mayabb; daughter-in-law, Joann Scroggins Stenerson; brothers, Arthur Iverson and Arley Iverson; and sisters, Dorothy Iverson Parfrey and Olga Iverson Tuomi.

Memorials may be made to Myrna Gumpenberger, 239 Willsfield Rd., Russellville, AR 72802-1312.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the community center following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



*In Loving Memory Of
Anna Irene Stenerson*

1921 ~ 2017

"Love Them All"

Love them all she would say. Every glance or smile made.
A fragile touch or vivid story told. Love was abundant and there to hold.

Rebellion, fear, and anger swallow - a demented boy so full of sorrow.
She did not allow those demons to follow.

Love them all she would say. Keeps those demons far away.

Fill him with joy fill him with glee. Make him see what life can be.

Go outside explore and dabble, come back in play some scrabble.
After a while a nap to take, the floor is comfortable... for petes sake!

Wake up time, stomach rumbles. Three bear soup, picnic mumbles.
Go outside and let the sun rain down. Enjoy all that is around.

Time for school time for life. Scared and fearful, a boy of strife.

Fake binoculars formed from loving hands,
made the boys nightmares turn into flimsy sands.

Love them all the same way, I'll be right back she would say.

Demons find a way around. Find the thread and tug it down.
She stood by when the string unwound. Helping me and those all around.

A young man, filled with rage. He hated life more than most could wage.
She would ask, what lesson learned what do you take away?

Through broken spirit and gritted teeth, he would say –
forgive and love them the same way.

Even though demons found a way. Love will reign, love always stays.

Love them all she would say. Keep those demons far a stray.

Shattered pieces of the young man's soul.

She helped pick them up and sew them whole.

Through the thread she let fall, a seed of love to grow tall.

Through his tears of anger and of hate, a tree of love weaved into his fate.

A man stands now who is rooted deep, with a tree of love taller than any peak.

With thanks to her for the lessons reaped.

From a boy to a man. I'll always love the best I can.

Demons continue to try and find. Seeking a thread to unwind.

Never will they make it though. For she is there to make it not so.

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~ By Anna's Grandson, Josh Gray

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Born

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Died

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Funeral Service

Saturday, February 11, 2017. at 1:30 p.m.

Camp Crook Community Center

Camp Crook, South Dakota

Officiant

Mr. David Waller

Musicians

Lane and Ann Dingfelder

Musical Selections

"One Day At A Time" "The Old Rugged Cross"

"In The Garden"

Pallbearers

Edson Mikal Stenerson ~ David LeRoy Stenerson

Jerry Lee Stenerson ~ Karl Iver Stenerson

Robert Arland Stenerson ~ Joseph Lewis Stenerson

Interment

Fairview Cemetery

Camp Crook, South Dakota