

LaVaun Lou Kinzler

LaVaun Lou (Leuthold) Kinzler was born April 29, 1932, in Maryville, MO, to Walter and Lydia (Lehmann) Leuthold. LaVaun graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1950. After graduation, she saw a picture of the pastor's handsome son, Louie Kinzler. They met at a church social, were engaged, and married on April 6, 1951. Soon after, Louie served in Korea; LaVaun remained in Maryville and worked as a telephone operator. After his discharge, they moved to Lawrence, KS, where she worked in the school lunch room and also cleaned houses. After coming to the Black Hills to vacation with family for numerous years, they moved to Sturgis on June 9, 1972. She worked briefly at Philtown Restaurant as a waitress but was known by many from working at Sooper Dooper for 21 years where she retired. She enjoyed camping with family, sewing, knitting, quilting, neighborhood book club, painting, and volunteering at the Senior Thrift Store. She returned to playing the piano after an absence of 50 years, often playing for Louie and friends and occasionally at church. LaVaun had a deep appreciation for her family, friends, neighbors, and her pastor.

LaVaun, 83, Sturgis, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, August 9, 2015, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include sons, Ted (Susan) Kinzler, Gary (Kellie) Kinzler, and daughter, Carla (Kelly) Evans, all residing in Sturgis; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her cat, Tiger, whom she loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; her husband; and one grandson.

A memorial has been established to Sturgis Harbor Youth.

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

In Loving Memory Of



LaVaun Lou Kinzler

1932 ~ 2015



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Born

April 29, 1932
Maryville, Missouri

Died

August 9, 2015
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Dan Ziebarth

Organist

Jeanne Hoffman

Soloist

Kellie Huisenga

Music

“Be Still My Soul, In You I Rest”
“Amazing Grace”

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship
and lunch in the church basement following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*