

In Loving Memory Of

Mildred was born to Albert Curtis "Ducky" and Alene (Jacobson) Drake on July 8, 1922, in Whitewood, SD. She spent her early years in the Black Hills and Wyoming. Her family moved to Vale in 1929. Mildred graduated from Vale High School in 1940. She attended Black Hills State Teacher's College in Spearfish and taught at the Cottonwood School southwest of Vale, the Ingersol School near Belle Fourche, and the North Highland School.

On June 20, 1943, she was married to Daryld Williamson of Vale at the Empire Friends Church. They lived in Laramie, WY, where Daryld was an airplane mechanic before they moved back to Vale to the family farm.

Mildred loved to garden, cook, read and spend time with her family. She spent many years caring for bum lambs on the farm. She had a gift of hospitality and graciously welcomed everyone into her home. She could turn any meal into a feast. To her children and grandchildren, she left a legacy of generosity and servitude. She was an active member of Empire Friends Church and often served as a teacher for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Mildred loved music and played piano for the worship services. She was currently a member of the First Wesleyan Church of Sturgis.

Mildred Arlene Williamson, 88, Sturgis, passed away in her home on July 28, 2010.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Daryld; six children, Donna (Wayne) Powell, Plains, KS, Myra (Gene) Pickard, Yorba Linda, CA, Marty Williamson, Nisland, SD, John (Alisa) Williamson, Sturgis, SD, Kay (Neill) Unruh, Haviland, KS, and Debbie (Loren) Boettcher, Vale, SD; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.



She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Alene Drake; her brother, Melvin Drake; and her sister, Norma Charon.

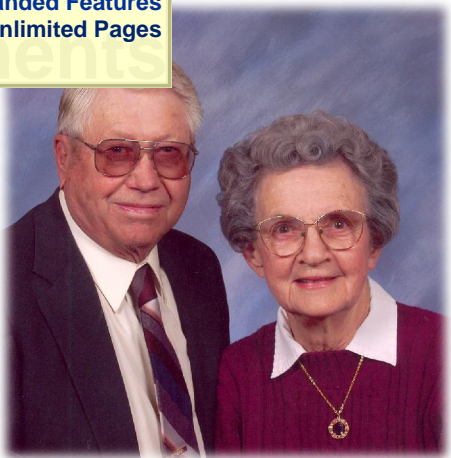
Memorials may be sent to the ministry of your choice.



Mildred Arlene Williamson

1922 ~ 2010

The family extends an invitation to join them for a time of food and fellowship at the Williamson's home at 9029 North Ox Yoke Road, Sturgis, following the committal service.



The Palace Hotel

"Thank you Lord, for folks like these,
Who have opened their home to us crooks and thieves.
We who come sneaking in at night
And at times must be an awesome sight.

We thank you that you've made them such
Who else could put up with such a rowdy bunch?
We trust your strength will see them through
For without your grace, what could any of us do?

We recall the meals of food stacked high
To that last big bite and grateful sigh.
But our lives were filled with more than good food those days.
They were filled with Christ's love in practical ways.

We've come and gone and come again
And more often than not, we've brought a friend.
For we knew that we had something special to share
Because in the home – Your presence was there.

We know this house is just a means
Thru which your riches might be seen.
Just nails and boards, a roof and a door
But thanks to You, it's so much more.

Yes, bless this house O-Lord we pray
Make it the Palace Hotel by night and day."

By: Marty Williamson

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Born
July 8, 1922
Whitewood, South Dakota

Died
July 28, 2010
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.
First Wesleyan Church

Officiating
Pastor John Williamson
Pastor Dan Ziebarth

Family Memories ~ Marty Williamson

Musicians
Audrey Belitz ~ Neill Unruh
Ted Seaman ~ Judy Fett

Musical Selections
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"Just As I Am Medley"

Pallbearers (GRANDSONS)
Roger Powell ~ Tyler Powell ~ Justin Powell ~ Jason Pickard
Nathan Williamson ~ Chase Williamson ~ Jeremy Logan
Andrew Logan ~ Tyrel Boettcher ~ Luke Boettcher

Honorary Pallbearers
Wayne Powell ~ Gene Pickard ~ Neill Unruh ~ Loren Boettcher
Tom Charon ~ Glen Charon ~ Bruce Drake

Flower Attendants
Alisa Williamson ~ Heather Pickard ~ Audrey Belitz
Andrea Glasgow ~ Sarah Williamson ~ Casey Harmon
Jodee Oliver ~ Jennifer Logan ~ Suzy Bones

Interment
Bear Butte Cemetery