

## The Dash

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

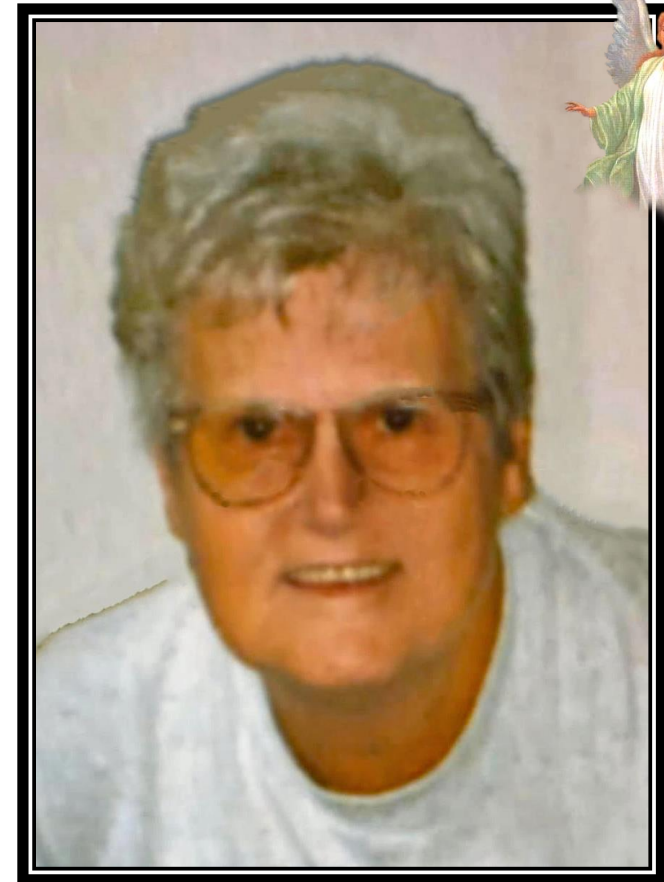
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

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## In Loving Memory



# Arline Ruth Sedlacek

October 21, 1936 ~ March 17, 2024

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve the family and friends of Arline Sedlacek.



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In Loving Memory  
Arline Ruth Sedlacek  
1936 ~ 2024

Memorial Service  
10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
Goglin Funeral Home  
Tyndall, South Dakota

Clergy  
Lorney Van Gerpen

Music  
*Twilight Time*  
The Platters  
*You and I*  
Celine Dion  
*I Can Only Imagine*  
MercyMe

Inurnment  
Bon Homme Cemetery, Springfield  
(at a later date)

Arline Ruth Bartikowsky Sedlacek was born October 21, 1936 to Emil and Ruby Bartikowsky at Tyndall, SD. She was the oldest of 6 children growing up on a farm near Tyndall. Arline had a love of singing and playing her guitar. Arline met Robert Sedlacek at a Czech Days Talent Show in 1954. They were engaged for 1 year, before marrying May 24, 1956 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall.

Arline and Robert worked side by side raising five children, while working the farm. They bought the current acreage in 1972. Arline loved canning, raising chickens, geese and ducks.

Arline loved socializing with her neighbors and friends. She also loved having all of her grandkids come out to stay at the farm.

Arline, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Good Samaritan Society – Tyndall, at the age of 87.

Arline is survived by her children, Nancy (Mike) Brewer, Gary (Heidi) Sedlacek, James Sedlacek, Shelly (Jacque) Humpal and Julie Marchese; grandchildren, Jackie (Matt) Rector, Adam Brewer, Eric Brewer, Katie (Ben) Jackson, Jessica (Casey) Luke, Brandon Sedlacek, Jamie Ridgway, Jen (Sam) Knoll, Caylor (Hunter) Benson, Shannon Sedlacek, Jaden Sedlacek, Laci Highland, Charlie (Emily) Marchese and Nick Marchese; several great-grandchildren; siblings, Ruth Langley, Carol Reining, Dotty Honomichl and Ron Bartikowsky.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents, Emil and Ruby Bartikowsky; sister, Rita Bourrett and grandkids, Stacey Humpal, Jordan and Issac Sedlacek.