

The Dash

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

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

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved her
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.

by Linda Ellis



In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of
Merva Joan Sage
1939~2022

Memorial Service
10:00 a.m.
Monday, July 25, 2022
Goglin Funeral Home
Tyndall, South Dakota

Memorial Officiant
Jimmy D. Goglin

Music
"Amazing Grace"
"In the Garden"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Honorary Urn Bearers
Julie & Mitch Lansdowne,
George & Caroline Peterson, Todd Zwanziger,
Jerry & Tina Talsma, Tory Zwanziger,
Tona & Ray Valdes & Tammy Zoss

Inurnment
Tyndall Cemetery
(At a later date)

Merva was born Wednesday, March 29, 1939 to Leonard and Doris L. (Weiting) Zwanziger in Huron, South Dakota. The family moved to Tyndall, SD where Merva attended school and graduated from Tyndall High School.

Merva married Ervin E. Sage March 9, 1961 at Yankton, South Dakota where they made their home and raised their family. Merva was a stay-at-home mother. When the children got older, she began work outside the home as a CNA at the Human Services Center. She worked for several years for the Colonial Inn Motel. Merva worked at Alafs until their closing, then at EPI for a short time until health problems required her to retire.

Merva enjoyed quilting, crafting, fishing, taking road trips and camping with family and friends. She was very kind hearted, willing to do anything for anyone. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends.

Merva died Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Sr. James Care Center in Yankton at the age of 83.

Merva is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ervin; daughter, Cathy (Melvin) Peterson; sons, Gordy (Kathy) Sage, Kevin Sage and Clyde (Betsy) Sage; sister, Melva (Bill) Giles of Kingston, OH; brothers, Myron (Karen) Zwanziger of Springfield, SD and Monty (Wanda) Zwanziger of Oklahoma City, OK; granddaughter, Julie (Mitch) Lansdowne; grandson, George (Caroline) Peterson; great-granddaughters, Laikyn and Braylee Lansdowne, Adalynn and Emerson Peterson; brother-in-law, Al Neiffer of Huron; sister-in-law, Kay Zwanziger of Georgia; many nieces and nephews.

Merva was preceded in death by her son, Kim Sage; parents, Leonard and Doris Zwanziger; sister, Myrna Jean Neiffer; brothers, Murray Zwanziger, Mervyn Zwanziger and Marlyn (Buzz) Zwanziger.



Floral Tributes



*Thinking of you and wishing you peace.
Avera*



*You are in our prayers!
Mark & Michelle Fischer Family,
Steve & Kathy King,
Connie,
Chris Getty Family,
Erika King Family,
Geoffrey & Tonya Burks*



Mom

Floral Tributes



*Myron Zwanziger Family
&
Zwanziger Siblings Families
Al, Kay, Gert, Tammy, Sis, Monty*



Jerry & Tina, Hayden & Hensley Talsma



Your Avera family



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