

Alice Lorraine Flood was born September 14, 1927 in Okoboji, SD to Emil Flood and Mary (Mollie) Weischedel. She was the fourth of five daughters. She was sent to Chicago, IL in



1931 after the untimely passing of her mother. She was doted on and spoiled by her uncle and aunt Algot and Alma (Flood) Davidson who she lived with and her aunt Jennie (Flood). After Alma's death in December of 1933, she returned home to her father who succumbed to double pneumonia in October of 1934. She was then sent to

Mollie's twin brother Howard and Olive Weischedel who raised her and her sister Alma and their children Gerald and Delores.

She attended the Serbousek Country School, followed by Hartford Country School and graduated from Onida High School in 1945. She moved to St. Paul, MN to attend beauty school with a loan of \$200 from her Uncle Bill, but found it only got her one month, so she returned and attended Aberdeen Normal School for five weeks and received her teaching certificate. She taught for a short period of time in rural West Sully County until she determined that was definitely



not for her.

She married the love of her life Harold Kenneth West November 8, 1946 and began what she considered her most important job, that of wife and mother to her beloved children, Steven Harold, Thomas Gary, and Tonna Christine, and Gma to her six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She loved music, especially Harold's and was proud of all the

musically inclined family she had. Her love of cooking was a way to show her love and no one could forget her chicken and noodles. She even ran the Highway Café in Onida, SD for three years, where she

was especially known for her pies. She loved all the family get-togethers, whether it was Memorial Day picnics, Christmases with oyster stew and ground beef sandwiches, New Year's at her apartment, or McDonnell hosted reunions. She loved playing cards, Yahtzee, and Scrabble, especially with her sister Hazel, and bowling with her team. She enjoyed raising her Boston Terriers. Alice was a die-hard Sully Buttes Charger fan and followed all their games on the radio when she could no longer attend them.



She was proud of her father, husband, and son Steve's service to our nation. She was a long standing member of the American Legion Auxiliary, 75 years in 2018. When Harold joined the Gettysburg VFW Post, Alice joined the VFW Auxiliary and has been a member for close to 35 years. She also dedicated many years to the Greater Missouri Community Development Corp.

Alice and Harold began married life at Little Bend. When their firstborn, Steve, came January 20, 1948, they were living at Sutton's along the Missouri river. They had their second child, Tom on September 26, 1949. They moved to the Day Place in August of 1954 and worked for John Day so that their oldest could go to grade school.



Their daughter Tonna came along October 5, 1954. In 1965 they moved to Onida and Alice remained there until the death of her husband July 4, 1987. In 1990 she began a new chapter of her life. She moved to Pierre, SD and resided there 28 years, making many friends and memories there and renewed old friendships and created new ones. In August of 2018 she became a resident at the Oahe Manor in Gettysburg, SD. Alice

brought a lot of fun and laughter to everyone she encountered there. She lived here until her death on September 26, 2019, where she passed exactly as she wanted to, peacefully, surrounded by her family and friends.

Alice is survived by her two sons: Steve (Judi) West, Onida, SD and Tom (Judy) West, Highmore, SD; daughter: Tonna (Bill) Hughes, Ree Heights, SD; sisters: Minnie Mae Claggett, Pierre, SD and Delores Quashnick, Wheatland, WY; grandchildren: Michelle (Tom) McCullough, Carmel, IN, Georgia (Todd) Mangin, Gettysburg, SD, Molly (Todd) Engel, Bismarck, ND, Bobbi Jo Meyer, Milbank, SD, B.J. Hughes (Brooks Alexander), Ree Heights, SD, and Abigail (Jerry Hogg), Dickinson, ND; great grandchildren: Tommy, Billy, Jackson and Matthew McCullough, Joseph and Caleb Mangin, Macy and Maddy Engel, Bryan and Allie Meyer, Jesse and Casey Hughes, and Carson and Caden Hogg.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; parents: Emil and Mollie; three sisters and four brothers-in-law: Vera and Bill Seymour, Alma and Leonard McDonnell, Hazel and Phil Marshall, and Richard Claggett; niece: Teah McDonnell; and grandson-in-law: Jerry Meyer.

Despite the hardships she endured in her life, because of her loving spirit she was blessed and surrounded by family, special friends, and her adopted family. She sparkled as brightly as the crystals in her windows and brought light and joy to all she touched.



This is a poem shared by Alice that she felt related to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Grandma Day

By Ethel Lee, Lamro Apts. in Winner

"A Grandma Day" what's that you ask?

It's as simple as can be-
A day that's set aside for us
My Granddaughter & me

Tho' we might just sit & talk
It's our day to be alone
We exchange our many thoughts
For us, they are "our own"

Perhaps we'll go out for a bite
Or maybe just for ice cream
Whate're we do, it's a pleasant time
To talk of our "Hopes & Dreams"

Whenever we're together
We make our Special Memories
If it's looking at old photos
She'll ask "Do I know any of these?"

Once when we we're shopping-
This memory makes me smile
I chose some kind of shoes for her
She replied "Grandma they're not my style!"

She used to sit upon my lap
And we'd sing or maybe read
Often she just wanted to sit
Because a hug was all she'd need.

Now she's outgrown this lap of mine
But my shoulders are still broad
She'll often ask me for advice
Or we'll talk of things of God

Sometimes she'll even call me
and then I'll hear her say
"Grandma if you're not busy"
"Let's have a mini Grandma Day!"

Our Grandma Days have given us
Many memories to keep and also to share
Even tho' time or distance may separate us
We know the Love will still be there!

In Loving Memory Of
Alice Lorraine West

September 14, 1927
Okoboji, South Dakota

September 26, 2019
Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019
United Methodist Church ~ Onida, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2019
United Methodist Church ~ Onida, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKET BEARERS:

Todd Mangin, Todd Engel, BJ Hughes,
Ryan Hanson, Bob Clement, and Jesse Hughes

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Alice's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Michelle, Tom, Billy, Tommy, Jackson, and Matthew
McCullough, Georgia, Joseph, and Caleb Mangin, Molly
Macy, and Maddy Engel, Bobbi Jo, Bryan, and Allie Meyer,
Abigail, Jerry, Carson, and Caden Hogg, Casey Hughes

ORGANIST: Lillian Campbell

VOCALISTS:

Bobbi Jo Meyer "*How Could I Ask For More*"

Todd Mangin "*The Lord's Prayer*"

Accompanied by Bobbi Jo Meyer

John and Jason West "*Missouri*"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "*The Old Rugged Cross*"

INTERMENT:

Onida Cemetery ~ Onida, South Dakota

*A Celebration of Life.....
A Life Remembered*



Alice Lorraine West

1927 - 2019