



Donna Mae Nye was born May 12, 1935 to Earl and Grace (Hillmer) Crain in Blunt, SD. She spent much of her childhood helping her parents on the Gephart Ranch near Stephan and caring for and playing with her younger sister, Judy. She was a country girl and enjoyed riding horses, hunting, fishing, and herding cattle. Donna was involved in basketball and numerous other school activities before graduating from Blunt High School in 1954.

She was united in marriage to Elden Nye on November 24th, 1955 in Pierre, SD. To this union two sons were born: Richard and Jamie. Donna worked for the Department of Social Services in child protection until her retirement.

Family and faith were Donna's two favorite things. She often brought up her love for the Lord and enjoyed showing off pictures of her grandkids. Donna loved spending summers with her grandkids and took them on daily adventures to the river, the pool, Pierre, and many other places!

Left to cherish her memory are her two sons: Richard (Carol) and Jamie (Jennifer); grandchildren: Nathan (Sierra), Haley (Trevor) Cook, Colin (Danielle), Jonathan Wright, Colton (Macy Schock), DeShayne (Brad) Hoag, and Jessica (Jake Maliske); seven great-grandchildren; her sister, Judy (Cecil) Staples; and many beloved relatives.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Grace; and her daughter-in-law, Dawn.



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Donna Mae Nye**

*May 12, 1935 - December 6, 2019*





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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**  
*1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2019*  
*New Life Assembly*  
*Pierre, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**  
*Pastor John Fette*

**CASKET BEARERS:**  
*Donna's grandkids*

**USHERS:**  
*Brett Staples*  
*Richard Wheaton*

**VOCALIST:**  
*Julie Kaltenbach*

**HYMNS:**  
*"In the Garden"*  
*"Precious Memories"*  
*"Precious Lord Take My Hand"*

**INTERMENT:**  
*4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2019*  
*Pleasant Hill Cemetery*  
*Blunt, South Dakota*

*Honor*  
**Loving Memory**

**Ephesians 1:7**

*In him we have  
redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
in accordance with  
the riches of God's grace.*

*"Oh the last goodbye's the  
hardest one to say.  
This is where the cowgirl  
rides away....."*

