

God saw her getting tired,
a cure not meant to be,
So He put His arms

AROUND HER, AND WHISPERED...

“Come With Me.”

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Celebrating THE Life OF
Verneal O'Brien

March 25, 1937 - October 2, 2021

Verneal O'Brien, 84, of Highmore, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Highmore Healthcare Center.

Verneal was born March 25, 1937, to Rolland and Anne (Morrow) Patterson at her home in the very southeast corner of Hyde County. She was the first of twins with her sister, Velda, following minutes after. Due to a blizzard, as South Dakota usually has that time of year, there was no telephone working, she and her sister were delivered by their own father.

Verneal attended country school through 8th grade and went on to graduate from Highmore High School in 1957. She kept busy with after school jobs, being a nanny for a baby until toddler age as well as an usher at the local movie theater. This is where she was picked up for the first date by the love of her life, Terry O'Brien. This was the beginning of a blessed 62 years of marriage. She and Terry were married on September 7, 1959.

Verneal had a job with the state auditor for two years after she graduated high school. She worked for the same college Terry was attending at the time. Then in 1961, they moved to Downey, California in L.A. County where they resided for the next 30 years. She helped her neighbor clean houses around the area. While Terry was working long hours on the manned space program, Verneal took up bowling as a hobby. She enjoyed bowling very much and made many lifelong friends along the way.

After Terry retired, they moved back to South Dakota to be close to family and friends, but they are unfortunately, now, becoming fewer.

Verneal is survived by her husband, Terry O'Brien; sister, Velda Pitlick; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and brothers: Milton Patterson and Lyle Patterson.

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Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, 2021
Luze Funeral Home
Highmore, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 9, 2021
United Methodist Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Minister:

Roger Day

Casketbearers:

Marvin Kansteiner - Paul Dorr
John Fleming - Tony Fleakenstein
Cliff Volek - Bob Kilber

Musician:

Roger Day

Musical Selections:

"Amazing Grace"
"One More Day"

Interment:

Highmore City Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota