

It takes courage
to be crocus-minded.
Lord, I'd rather wait until June,
like wise roses,
when the hazards of winter are safely behind,
and I'm expected,
and everything's ready for roses.
But crocuses?
Highly irregular.
Knifing up through hard-frozen ground and snow,
sticking their necks out,
because they believe in spring
and have something personal
and emphatic to say about it.
Somebody has to stick his neck out,
somebody who cares enough
to think through
and work through hard ground,
because he believes
and has something personal
and emphatic to say about it.
Me, Lord?
Crocus-minded?
Could it be there are things to be said yet
and do you want my legacy to say them?

A Life Remembered



Marjean Fawcett

1935 - 2013

Arrangements Entrusted To



Miller, South Dakota
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Marjean Fawcett, 77, of Ree Heights, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, February 16, 2013 at her home on the ranch. She lived and died the way she wanted to: on the ranch, surrounded by family.

As the sun rises over the eastern hillside, we stop and appreciate the warmth and goodness of our wonderful Green Valley. Her home for nearly 60 years, Marjean Joanne Fawcett experienced the coldest of winters, the beauties of every spring, and the long and enduring summers and falls full of never ending work. She was in awe of the beauty of the first crocus every spring, picked especially for her by the love of her life, and marveled at the first breaths of a newborn baby calf. Her front door was always open, the coffee was hot, and the dinner table expanded to feed "her crew" and whoever else had found their way to the ranch that day.

Born to Theodore and Anne (Stoebner) Diede on February 27, 1935, on a farm 6 miles southwest of Miller, Marjean was the middle child of 5 children. Always a farm girl, with plenty of German spirit, most notably her hard headedness and determination, she grew up north of Miller, attending country school through the eighth grade and graduating Miller High School in 1953. Later that fall, she married the love of her life, her confidante, and best friend, Robert Fawcett. They settled on Robert's family's ranch south of Ree Heights. Three children were born to this enduring union. Together, they opened their home to a foreign exchange student, Irene Vesci, building a relationship that has grown stronger over the past 35 years. Her 12 grandchildren are an extension of her strength and courage. Two great grandchildren have enlightened her days and brought a smile to her face.

Marjean's life was her family and the ranch; her home was the hub of the ranch. She knew the plan of the day, where a hired hand was working, and the price of the load of cattle that went to market that day. Her radio was always on and her voice was heard and heeded as she directed all to "Toe the mark". Her utility room was at times a calf orphanage. Her kitchen was the conference room where decisions were made, weather was discussed, and the activities of her grandchildren and great grandchildren were noted. Many a pet was loved but especially Jocko, her special companion. As the matriarch of Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch, Marjean worked as hard as any man and would clean up as pretty as any lady.

Her many talents are recorded in the stained glass windows hanging in local churches and many homes. Her leadership lives on in the lives of many 4-H'ers whom she taught and nurtured. Her faith was strong, her beliefs never waned, and her love of nature and God's Country was always the force within her.

Marjean is survived by her husband, Robert, three children: Kim (Bill) Priest, Sabetha, KS; Peggy (Steve) Busse, Rapid City, SD; and Keith (Cheryl) Fawcett, Ree Heights, SD; 12 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sister, Mavonne (Linn) Neu; brother, Marvin (Carolyn) Diede; and brother-in-law, Leo Istas; and the Fawcett, Diede, and Stoebner extended families.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; and her sisters, Shirley (Bud) Wellner and Delores Istas.

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February 27, 1935
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PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Brian Jones

PALLBEARERS

Jeff Heasley
Dennis Fawcett

Dean Odden
Kent Reimann

Arlen Harvey
Phil Eggers

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Marjean's Nieces & Nephews

ORGANIST

Janice Kost

DUET

David & Lori Fremark
"How Great Thou Art"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Beautiful Savior"
"Blessed Assurance" – "Old Rugged Cross"

INTERMENT

Morningside Cemetery
Ree Heights, South Dakota