

*You can shed tears because they are gone,
or you can smile because they lived.
You can close your eyes and pray they will come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember only that they are gone,
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,
or you can do what they would want.
Smile, Open your heart, Love...and go on.*

--author unknown

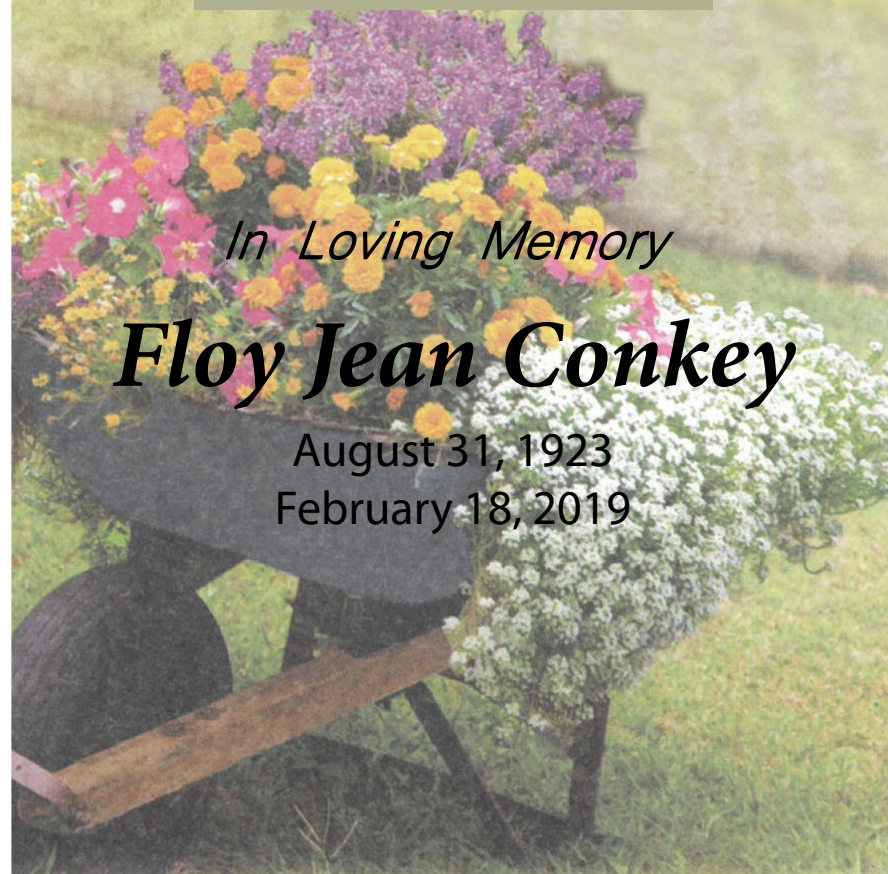
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In Loving Memory

Floy Jean Conkey

August 31, 1923
February 18, 2019



Floy Jean Conkey, 95, of St. Lawrence, passed away Monday, February 18, 2019 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Floy was born to Walter and Mable (Hoskin) Brueggemann in Redfield, SD on August 31, 1923. She grew up on a farm in northern Hand County near Rockham, SD. She attended East Linn country school and attended Redfield High School. In her teens she worked for several families who needed assistance with cooking, cleaning or in home care.

Floy married Stanley Conkey on January 23, 1946. Over the next five and a half years they had five children. She was a devoted farm wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Floy milked cows on the Conkey Dairy Farm for over 40 years. She enjoyed baking, cooking, and gardening. Her caramel rolls and apple pie were favorites of family and friends. She was a member of the Beulah Church and later the First United Methodist Church in Miller. She served on the the Hand County Historical Society, Miller Friendship Center, election boards, Beulah Ladies Aid and the Help One Another Extension Club. She married Charles Hovelson in November 1992.

She is survived by; her children: Max (Linda) Conkey of St. Lawrence, Twyla (Bill) Smith of Sioux Falls, Irene (Paul) Parliament, Broken Bow, NE, JoAnn (Doug) Testerman of St. Lawrence, and Bonnie McConkey of Laurel, MS; nine grandchildren: Lee (Ashley) Conkey, Joshua (Kris) Smith, Jared (Lyndi) Smith, Bryan (Lorra) Parliament, Bradley (Sara) Parliament, Nancy (Casey) Naprstek, Doyce (Kate) Testerman, Bonnie (Reggie) Burkett, and Brent (Beth) McConkey; fifteen great grandchildren: Brielee and Marshall Conkey; Luke, Jack, and Selah Smith; Jenna, Jace, Sara, and Anna Parliament; Paige, Malik, and Jady Burkett; and Kaylee, Sean, and Zoe Testerman; sister, Myrn Therkildsen of Redfield; and several Hovelson family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stanley; her brother, Lynn Brueggemann; her husband, Charles; granddaughter, Kate Conkey; and great granddaughter, Regan Burkett.

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Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019
First United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2019
First United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Pastor Teresa Whetsel

Casketbearers: Grandchildren

Lee Conkey, Joshua Smith, Jared Smith, Bryan Parliament,
Bradley Parliament, Nancy Naprstek, Doyce Testerman,
Bonnie Burkett, Brent McConkey

Honorary Casketbearers:

All of Floy's Great Grandchildren

Pianist: Collin Otteson

Vocalist: Darcy Pugh, Kim Jensen,

Lana Kopplin, Shaly Werdel
"Hallelujah" & "One Day At A Time"

Congregational Hymns:

"How Great Thou Art"
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Interment:

Beulah Cemetery
rural St. Lawrence, South Dakota