

Florence Deaver

Florence Pearl (Wobig) Deaver, 96, passed away, January 27, 2019, in Martin, South Dakota, at Bennett County Hospital. Florence was born, April 29, 1922, near Cody, NE, in a house across the river from Frank and Lulu Heath's home. Florence's parents were Harvey Wilhelm Wobig, and Hazel Ord (Prah) Wobig. Their family moved to Bennett County, SD, south of Tuthill, in the spring of 1928. That fall Florence attended the Brush Lake School. Her brother Melvin, was born the same year. In 1932, the Wobig family moved back to Nebraska south of Cody. Florence and her brother Melvin rode horseback 4 miles to school on Conley Flat. In 1937, when Florence was 15 years old, she held her first job as a waitress at a small café in Cody, NE. When she was 16 years old, she cleaned house and baby sat for John and Florence Shamis of Valentine, NE. She lived in their house during that time. On April 26, 1942, Florence married Charles Lee Deaver, at her parent's home near Cody. October 18, 1942, Lee was drafted to the service and deployed overseas with the European Theatres of war. While Lee was overseas, Florence worked in a defense plant, where she packed silk parachutes for the paratroopers, and reloaded canon shells in Hastings, NE. Then she moved to Bellingham, WA where she shucked oysters to make extra money, until 1945. Lee was discharged from the service, in November of 1945. Lee and Florence purchased a 320 acre farm south of Vetel, SD. Lee raised cattle and trapped mink and beaver, and Florence raised turkeys to sell. On December 12, 1952, Dwight Lee was born and Cindy Kay was born April 28, 1954. In 1958, Lee and Florence went into partnership on the Undine Jones ranch where they resided until 1975. During their years of ranching, the family took 2 weeks each summer for a trip. Over 11 years they saw almost every National Park in the western half of the United States, including parts of Canada. Their traveling partners those years were the Lowell Bond family. They moved to the Harrington area in 1975 where they lived until 1978, when they moved back to their place south of Vetel. Lee passed away on February 11, 1988; Florence lived south of Vetel, until the late 1990's, then moved to Martin. Florence was active with the Presbyterian Church, and was an active member of the Legion Auxiliary for 53 years.

Survivors include son Dwight (Kim) Deaver of Martin; daughter Cindy of Martin, five grandchildren: Tess (Kevin) Hill, Brack (Katie) Deaver, Kolton (Chelsie) Deaver; Carrie (Tim) Linde and Charles Ray (Maria) Livermont Jr.; thirteen great grandchildren: Kaelin Holleron, Kirsten Deaver, Talon Deaver, Austin Deaver, Damien Deaver, Jayden Deaver, Kaidon Deaver, Kyson Deaver, Jamie Linde, Taylor Linde, Mia Livermont, Juaquin Livermont and Jackson Livermont.

Florence was preceded in death by husband Lee Deaver, parents Harvey and Hazel Wobig and her brother Melvin Wobig.



In Loving Memory Of

Florence



Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

John Greenleaf Wittier

Arrangements By
Holmes Funeral Home ~ Valentine, NE
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In Celebration Of Life

Florence Pearl Deaver

April 29, 1922 ~ January 27, 2019

Funeral Ceremony

Thursday ~ January 31, 2019 @ 1:00 pm
American Legion
Martin, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Lisa Danielson

Special Music

Musician: *Richard Bartholomew*
"On the Wings of a Dove" ~ "Peace in the Valley"
Violinist: *Jamie Lee Linde*
"Amazing Grace/Ashokan Farewell"

Pallbearers

Brack Deaver	Charles "JR" Livermont
Jerry Joe Donovan	Jeff Johnson
Brad Pisha	Danny O'Neill
Gerald Getzinger	Wayne Livermont
Joe Walker	Kolton Deaver
Dave McCoy	Paul Fanning

Interment

Martin Community Cemetery
Martin, South Dakota