



## Zona Mae Vander Linde

November 30, 1925 - January 30, 2019

Miss Zona Mae Vander Linde passed away Wednesday morning, January 30, 2019 at the Copper Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Monday, November 30, 1925 in Mitchell, South Dakota to Albert and Freida (Dittman) Vander Linde. She was raised and educated in Emery, South Dakota and graduated from high school in 1943.

She worked for the local paper for a brief time then as a telephone switch board operator for Tri County Telephone Company before going to Sioux Falls to work at Northern States Power Company, now Excel Energy. She returned to Emery following the death of her father to assist her 18 year old brother Albert in the family electrical business. When he was called away to the Korean War,

she returned to Sioux Falls where she attended business college and embarked upon a career working for an insurance office, until they relocated to Minneapolis, at which time she chose to return to Emery where she worked in a grocery store until her retirement.

Zona enjoyed volunteering and helped deliver meals for the Emery Senior Meals program. Later, during the summer months, she volunteered at the Dakota Discovery Museum in Mitchell and the Salvation Army, specifically their food pantry. She was also an active member of The First Baptist Church where she helped with the Sunday school and served as secretary then assistant secretary for many years. She was active in several bible studies in both South Dakota as well as Butte.

Feeling the need to be close to family, she moved to Butte in the summer of 2005. Here she enjoyed the company of her niece Judy and her family. Zona had a special way about her, though succinct, she was also very gentle and kind. Memories of cookie baking sessions, or egg dyeing events or the pumpkin carving messes in Zona's kitchen punctuated with her beautiful laugh will long be cherished in family lore. A voracious speed reader she always could be found with a stack of books close by and a current topic to discuss. Zona is survived by her brother, Albert Vander Linde of Butte, nieces Karen Vander Linde, Judy (Bruce) Schuelke of Butte, Mary (Loren) Bell of Beaverton, Oregon, great-nieces, Courtney (Evan) DeCan of Seattle, Emily Bell of Beaverton and great-nephew, Logan Schuelke of Minneapolis, Minnesota. At her request, there will be no local services and interment of her remains will take place in Emery, South Dakota.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Always enjoyed Zona and her Sunday School Teaching. Always had a great smile.

*Deb Heitzman*

*Spencer, SD*

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**Deb Heitzman** - February 08, 2019 at 03:39 PM

CR

“ I have great memories of working with Zona at Bartel's Market. She was a gem. My sympathy to the Vander Linde family.

*Carrie Richter*

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**Carrie Richter** - February 04, 2019 at 02:51 PM

CD

“ Great example of what to be! Friendly. Dependable. Always cheerful. Honest. RIP.

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**Cecilia Determan** - February 02, 2019 at 09:52 PM

LS

“ There is "nothing else" now. Memories are plenty of her at the grocery store. RIP.

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**Lloyd Schrader** - February 02, 2019 at 06:56 PM

CB

“ Zona was the face of my parent's grocery store for over 30 years. I grew up not knowing anyone else at the front check out counter.

*She was a very nice lady.*

*God Bless her.*

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**Clyde Bartel** - February 02, 2019 at 06:50 PM

RS

“ Thinking of all of Zona's family today. She was a special friend and I will miss her so very much. We had so many good visits. My sympathy to her family. Rosie Swyter

Rosie Swyter - February 02, 2019 at 03:53 PM

MS

“ Our sympathies and prayers to you all

Milton & Lovella Schrader - February 02, 2019 at 01:52 PM

SB

“ Sandy Johnson Beers lit a candle in memory of Zona Mae Vander Linde



Sandy Johnson Beers - February 02, 2019 at 01:11 PM

BH

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family Albert. Bruce Huber

Bruce Huber - February 02, 2019 at 10:33 AM