



Dorothy Irene Bengston

May 22, 1927 - June 26, 2021

Dorothy Irene (Reed) Bengston, 94, of Cheyenne, Wyoming passed away June 26, 2021 in Cheyenne at her daughter's home where she'd been living for the last year.

Dorothy was born May 22, 1927 in Ogallala, Nebraska to Gladys Viola (Stone) Reed and Frederick John Reed. At the age of 9 months, her father took a job at the iron mines in Sunrise, Wyo. The family moved to Hartville where a sister and brother were born. In later years, the family moved to company owned housing in Sunrise.

Dorothy completed 9 years of school in Hartville and then moved to Cheyenne in 1942 where her youngest sister was born. In later years, she graduated from the American School by Correspondence.

Dorothy married Robert "Bob" Donald Bengston on July 14, 1945 in a "furlough wedding" while he was home on leave from the Merchant Marines. They were married 75 years before Bob's death in 2020.

They lived in Pine Bluffs and Kansas for a short time, eventually settling in Cheyenne where they raised their son and daughter.

Dorothy and her husband were charter members of Grace United Methodist Church. She was also a charter member of Cheyenne Heritage Quilters. Many quilts were made for the Linus Program (200+), church programs, gifts and special quilts for family members.

She worked different jobs throughout the years but her main goal was being a good wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She leaves a legacy of love to all of them.

Dorothy is survived by son, Bob (Louise) Bengston of Littleton, CO; daughter, Becky (Dennis) Brosius of Cheyenne; grandchildren: D'Ette Brosius of Nashville, TN, Eric (Dustin Wesley) Bengston of Los Angeles, CA, Mari Bengston of Littleton, CO and Andy (Jenn) Bengston of Littleton, CO; and great-grandchildren: Alton, Amarrah, Zane & Adler Brosius and Ali & Lizzi Bengston. She is also survived by granddaughter-in-law, Tracy Brosius of Cheyenne, honorary daughter Jeanne (Dan) Douglas and their sons (and families) Garrett & Alex Douglas of Willcox, AZ and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandmother Zella Skidmore, grandson Kevin Brosius, and siblings Alice Parker, Jim Reed and Joan Wells.

In place of flowers, Dorothy requested donations be made to the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens or charity of their choice.

Graveside services will be Thursday, 2:00 p.m., at The Rugged Cross Chapel in Cheyenne Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery

Cheyenne Memorial Gardens

4701 Christenson Rd.
Cheyenne, WY, 82009

Events

JUL **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Rugged Cross Chapel at Cheyenne Memorial
Gardens

4701 Christensen Rd., Cheyenne, WY, US, 82009

Comments



“ Aunt Dorothy was a modern woman ahead of her time. She had a family, career and home making skills that have made others celebrities. Through hard work and determination, she had it all. Aunt Dorothy accepted everyone, regardless where they came from or who they were. God and family were her priorities. It is how she lived her life. Yours is the cloth, mine is the hand that sews time. His is the force that lies within. Led Zeppelin, All of My Love, to you Aunt Dorothy!



Cindy - July 03, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Jeannette Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Irene Bengston



Jeannette Smith - July 02, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Prayers to the families of Aunt Dorothy, I will miss her kindness

Jeannette - July 02, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Sending prayer to family and I miss you great aunt dorthy

Julie - July 08, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ Dorothy was one of the first quilters I met when we moved to Cheyenne in 1989 and I joined the Wyoming Heritage Quilters, which soon changed its name to Cheyenne Heritage Quilters. I always appreciated her sense of humor and advice when the guild needed to solve problems. --Barb Gorges

Barb Gorges - July 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM