



Lorraine Downing

November 25, 1931 - December 8, 2020

B. Lorraine Miller Downing, 89, of Colby, Kansas, died of natural causes on December 8, 2020, at McCrite Retirement Plaza, Topeka, Kansas.

She was born November 25, 1931, North of Bovina, Colorado, to Louie and Gladys Worsham Miller. Lorraine grew up on a ranch ten miles North of Arriba, Colorado, where she was most content outdoors and riding her horse.

Lorraine attended the University of Nebraska for music and the University of Northern Colorado earning a teaching certification. Lorraine taught country school in Northwest Kansas, where she met and married Jerry D. Downing on May 30, 1953. Three children were born to this union.

Lorraine was raised in the Lutheran Church and was sustained by her faith. She was a brave, exquisite, genuine woman. Our lovely mother chose to dedicate her life to her family, all of whom she was most proud.

Lorraine is survived by her son, Keith Downing (Mary Ann) of Tecumseh, Kansas; daughter, Karen Gatlin of Chicago, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Mylinda Downing (Larson) of Colby; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Virginia (Rush), brother, Philip, son-in-law, Fred Gatlin, husband, Jerry Downing, and son, Harlan Downing.

Cremation was chosen. Private inurnment will be in Linda-Ilion Cemetery, Rawlins County, Kansas.

The family suggests memorials may ne made to the Linda-Ilion Cemetery Improvement Fund, sent in care of Keith Downing, 6235 SE Ward Road, Tecumseh KS 66542.

Cemetery Details

Linda-Illion Cemetery

Falls City, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine Downing*

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