



Bonnie Berneil Ockinga, 78, of Wheatland, Wyoming passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. Bonnie was born on April 13, 1935 in Morrill, Nebraska to parents James Neil and Ollie Eva (Hudson) Shaver. She married Kenneth Ockinga on February 19, 1955. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was loved by all due to her sweet, kind, and caring, helpful nature. Bonnie shared her many talents selflessly. She enjoyed craft projects of all kinds from knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting and painting. Her children and grandchildren overflowed with sweaters, clothing of all types, Halloween costumes and Christmas stockings. She knit hats for the preemie babies at the hospital, taught line dancing, volunteered to deliver meals on wheels and always had an open door for neighbors in need of child-care, while also making herself available to help out on the farm. She was a successful gardener and an excellent cook (especially her famous cabbage burgers). At times, she could be coaxed into playing her accordion, yodeling and singing. She had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes, enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune and Funniest Home Videos, working cross word puzzles and playing scrabble. She was one smart lady! She was an avid reader and enjoyed learning. She received an Associate Arts Degree from Eastern Wyoming College and was a part time substitute teacher. She was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church volunteering in many capacities and gave generously to several children's homes. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, and three sisters. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of Wheatland, WY, her children; Keith (Shelly) Ockinga of Wheatland, WY, Kathy (David) Torres of Wellington, CO, Nancy McKenzie of Sheridan, WY, a sister, Jane Nelson of Sun City, CA, grandchildren; Tiffany (Jeremy) Jackson, Mark Barrett, Riley Ockinga, Cassie (Devan) Royer, Justin Ockinga, Seth Ockinga, Caleb Ockinga, Sarah Ockinga, Josiah Ockinga, Joshua Ockinga, and seven great-grandchildren.

# Bonnie Ockinga

April 13, 1935 - February 13, 2014



*Romans 6:4*  
*"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*



## Gone From My Sight

by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,  
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck  
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,  
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.  
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.  
And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...



In Loving Memory of

## Bonnie Berneil Ockinga

**DATE OF BIRTH**      **DATE OF DEATH**

April 13, 1935  
Morrill, Nebraska

February 13, 2014  
Sheridan, Wyoming

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Monday, February 17, 2014, at 10:00 am  
Trinity Lutheran Church

### OFFICIATING

Pastor Phil Wold

### MUSIC

Oh What A Happy Day  
I'll Fly Away  
Amazing Grace

### MUSIC

Trinity Lutheran B.A.S.I.C.S.  
Terry Garrison

An Inurnment will be on April 13, 2014 in Wheatland, WY.

Memorials to honor Bonnie may be made to the  
Sheridan Senior Center  
211 Smith St.  
Sheridan, WY 82801.

**Kane**  
Funeral Home  
www.kanefuneral.com