

May 20, 2006



Obit: Donna Rossow

- Donna Marie Rossow, 63, of Stratford, SD, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. Her funeral was held Thursday, May 18, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen with Rev. James E. Clarke officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.
- Donna Marie Smith was born May 7, 1943 at Gregory, SD to Howard "Ike" and Hazel Irene (Vawser) Smith. She attended country school in the Gregory area and graduated from Gregory High School in 1963.
- Donna married Herman Laprath on February 2, 1964.

Herman passed away in May of 1974. She then married Dennis Rossow on June 21, 1975 at Stratford, SD. They farmed in the Stratford area and Donna was also employed with Home Health Care. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Stratford and later in Aberdeen, where she was involved with the Women's Group and also served as a Deacon. She enjoyed working on her photo albums and scrapbooks, watching movies, dancing, traveling and spending time with her family.

- Her memory lives on with her husband, Dennis Rossow, Stratford, SD; her son, Thomas (Marcia) Laprath, Dallas, SD; her daughters, Marcia (Alan) Hoffman, West Point, NE and Amy (David) Whitlock, White Bear Lake, MN; one brother, Melvin (Le Ray) Smith, Dallas, SD; four sisters, Iva Guthmiller, Butte, NE, Ila (Dean) DeLong, Sioux City, IA, Dorothy Esterling, Gregory, SD and Melva (Leo) Vaughn, Redfield, SD and four grandchildren, Emily Hoffman, Andrew Laprath, Jaclyn Laprath and Joseph Laprath.
- She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Herman Laprath; two brothers, Virgel Smith and Robert Smith and one sister, Norma Jean Smith.
- Casket bearers were Kevin Vaughn, Dean DeLong Jr., Todd Osterman, Bob Rossow, Mark Tolvstad and Dana Dayton.
- Honorary casket bearers were her grandchildren and her many friends.