

## Arda Mae (Grimes) (Sanderson) Zambo



Arda Mae Grimes was born Feb. 28, 1932 in Aberdeen, S.D. to Lynn and Edna (Sterling) Grimes. At the time of her birth, she was the closest birth to being a leap year baby for Aberdeen. She was one of four children in the family. She grew up with a sister Donna, and two brothers, Forey and Ike. Her early years were spent in Aberdeen, S.D. She still has a copy of a newspaper clipping from 1939 showing her involvement with a dance troupe for the Sons of Norway convention held in Aberdeen. She attended Bristol High School where she had many fond memories of friends and classmates. While in high school she also served as a secretary to the Superintendent to help pay for some of her expenses in high school. In her younger years she always enjoyed riding horses and spending time outside. She graduated as the Salutatorian of her class in 1950 and then married Richard Sanderson and lived many years on a farm near Crandall, S.D. While married to Richard they had three children: Dana, Lynn and Mike. During this time she worked hard on the farm, took care of the house, raised her three children, played softball for fun with a team in Conde and was an active member in the rural community.

She later married Densley Zambo on April 7, 1972 in Milbank and they lived on a farm near Conde, S.D. This marriage provided her with two step

children, Pam and Kathy.

She is remembered for being a good mother, a very hard working and smart farmer, a good cook, a person with outstanding organizational and decision making skills, an excellent bookkeeper with good business sense and always interested in learning more about the world. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with pets around the farm and especially her rescued antelope called Joey, which became a feature news story in Yankton Daily Press & Dakota newspaper. She was instrumental in encouraging her three boys to go on to college so that they could have a better life. She also enjoyed seeing the many friends who stopped by the farm for a cup of coffee and fellowship, seeing high school classmates and relatives at reunions and being a part of community projects. For several years she invested many hours in caring for the Conde Cemetery where her family is buried and enjoyed the friendship of her fellow caretakers as well.

Arda had a good life, filled with many great experiences and good memories. Her life came to an end at the Golden Living Center in Groton on March 9, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edna and Lynn Grimes, her brothers Forey and Ike Grimes and two sons Mike and Lynn Sanderson.

She is survived by her husband, Densley Zambo of Conde, S.D., her son, Dana (Brenda) Sanderson of Wagner, S.D., her daughter-in-law, Rosemary Sanderson of Conde, her sister, Donna (Warren) Wilkens of Minnesota, two step-daughters, Pam Wiseman of Missouri and Kathy Zambo (Dale Lesmeister) of Eagle Butte, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.