



Ruth Jane Vedbraaten

1928-2020

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Alvord, formerly of Bagley, Minn. ~ Ruth Jane Smole Vedbraaten, 92, went to be with our Lord Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020.

Family memorial is 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Dan and Paula Gardner's home. Please contact family for information.

Ruth was born Oct. 20, 1928, to Michael Henry and Francis (Kerin) Smole in Denver, Colo. She was united in marriage April 15, 1950, to David Thomas Gardner in Kremmling, Colo. She loved the country life and making quilts for her family and friends. She was proud of her Texas driver's license, which she got at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Francis Smole; her husband of 37 years, David Gardner; her husband, Ed Vedbraaten; her son, Chester Gardner; and her grandson, Shane Gardner.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her two sons, David Thomas Gardner and wife, Linda, of California and Daniel Gardner and wife, Paula, of Alvord; her two daughters, Linda Eckstine and husband, Mike, of Colorado and Janice Bauer of Minnesota; her 12 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; her brother, Michael Smole of Oregon; her sister, Marie Francine of California; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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