

Virginia Lee Ainslie Garhart
May 3, 1944 - June 16, 2024



Virginia Lee Ainslie Garhart, 80 years old, of Osage, passed away June 16th, 2024, peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was born in Chadron, Nebraska to William (Bill) Ainslie and Elsie (LaRue) Williams Ainslie on May 3, 1944. She graduated from Lusk High School in 1962.

Virginia married Leonard (Gene) Eugene Garhart on January 28, 1962, in Newcastle. To this union, four children were born. Virginia worked as a waitress/cook at the Sioux Truck Stop in Newcastle; she worked at and later managed the Deckers Food Center bakery for 36 years before retiring in 2007. Virginia was an active member

of the Osage Women's Club. She enjoyed bowling league, crocheting, reading, playing cards, board games and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Dwight Garhart of Osage, Tony (Becky) Garhart of Upton, and Myrna Garhart of Piedmont, South Dakota, as well as 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband Leonard (Gene) Garhart, her parents Bill and LaRue Ainslie, brother Vernon Ainslie, sister Elizabeth Ann Ainslie, daughter Donna Garhart, and granddaughter Nicole Garhart Ellsbury.

A viewing was held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Services were held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Kitty Moats School in Osage at 4:00 p.m. Burial followed at the Garhart Family Cemetery in Osage. Condolences may be sent to Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridianmortuary.com.