

Irene Daisy *Oswald* Gerdreau

November 14, 1928 – June 20, 2020

Irene Daisy Gerdreau, 91, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2020.

Irene was born on November 14, 1928, on a farm near Canova, South Dakota. She enrolled at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls in 1935 and graduated in 1949. Her years at SDSD remained close to her heart, and she often remembered her childhood at the school with fondness.



Her love for SDSD and the Deaf community found lasting expression in the many scrapbooks she created. By gathering and preserving their stories and memories, Irene helped safeguard a history that was deeply personal to her. Her scrapbooks reflected her affection for the school and community that had shaped her life.

Irene and her husband, Clarence, traveled extensively with the Minnesota Deaf Club, sharing adventures and enjoying connections within the Deaf community.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and her brother, Philip Oswald. She was survived by her brother, Tony Oswald, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A private burial took place at Calvary Cemetery in Little Falls, Minnesota. Arrangements were handled by Wulff Funeral Home.

Irene's scrapbooks remain a meaningful part of her legacy, preserving the memories of the school and Deaf community she cherished.