

Sonja M. Roberts, 87, passed away at the Billings Clinic in Billings Montana with her family by her side on August 24, 2026.

Sonja was born on February 15, 1939, in Spearfish, South Dakota. She was the daughter of John P. and Irene Winn. She was the eldest of three children.

In 1956, Sonja married Richard V. Roberts in Rapid City. On March 16, 2026, they celebrated 70 years together. Together they raised three children: Mona, Mike and John.

Sonja was a teacher for many years in Sheridan County District 2. Sonja graduated from University of Wyoming with a BA and then with a Masters of Education from Lesley College on August 29, 1990. Her greatest joys were teaching her students, being with friends and spending time with her family, whom she loved dearly.

Sonja and her husband enjoyed traveling around the US with friends and relatives. In her younger years she enjoyed rock climbing until Richard (Dick) told her to "get off the rocks." She loved bird watching and was a member of the Audubon Society for many years. She was also a board member of the Sheridan County Museum and enjoyed her many tasks there. In addition, she gave tours for several years at the Kendrick Mansion. Sonja was a talented seamstress, crocheting and knitting. She used her skills to create many things. She especially enjoyed creating handmade things for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sonja loved collecting Ethan Allen furniture for her home as well as Alladin/Kerosene lamps. Sonja was an avid reader of which *Gone With The Wind* was her favorite, of which she read many times. She also liked printings and sketches by Hans Kleiber and William Bill Gollings.

Sonja was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and by her three children. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard V. Roberts of Sheridan, Wyoming, Grandchildren, Ronald Roberts of Texas, Jynicka Roberts of Alabama, Richard Roberts of Nebraska and Jarett Roberts of Billings Montana as well as 7 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren, as well as numerous relatives and friends.

"Afterglow"

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall



Celebrating The Life Of Sonja Roberts

Feb. 15, 1939 ~ Aug. 24, 2026

In Loving Memory Of
Sonja Marie Roberts

Rosary

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 10:30 AM
Holy Name Catholic Church

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Holy Name Catholic Church

Officiating

Father Glenn Whewell

MUSIC

Amazing Grace
Prayer of St. Francis
Here I Am, Lord
On Eagle's Wings

MUSIC BY

Doreen Choong and Annie Magera

PALLBEARERS

Ronald Roberts, Richard Roberts, Gary White
Waylon Carson, Denton Carson, Curt Symons

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren,
Great-Great-Grandchildren

A reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Burial will take place following the reception in the Elks
Section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery at 1:00 PM

He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.

E11

Philippians 3:20-21 (1014-11)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

**Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we
also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our
lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that
enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.
The word of the Lord.**

We shall see him as his is.

E14

1 John 3: 1-2 (1014-14)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John Beloved:

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be
called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world
does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are
God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed. We do know that when it is
revealed we shall be like him.
The word of the Lord.**



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