



**Ida Ilene Laughlin**

Ida Ilene Laughlin, 92, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at home of heart failure.

She was born Jan. 1, 1921, to Henry and Elizabeth (Batt) Schwartzkopf at the family farm near Iroquois, SD.

Ida graduated from South Dakota School for the Deaf, where she met James Laughlin at a school picnic. They were married in 1940, and made their home in Rapid City, where they raised four children.

James owned and operated Laughlin Printing Service, and Ida was a homemaker for many years. She was later employed by Midwest Circuit, Control Data, and MPI, before her retirement in 1986.

Both Ida and James were active in the SD deaf community and made many friends -- both deaf and hearing. Ida was instrumental in convincing Communication Services for the Deaf to build a facility for the West River. She taught sign language at the facility and loved to socialize. Her motto: **"Whatever you do, have fun doing it!"**

Ida is survived by two sons, Ronnie (Linda) Laughlin, Rapid City, and Donnie (Patty) Laughlin, Stevensville, MT; a daughter, Tanya (Rob) Wilson, Rapid City; six grandchildren: Kristi, Matthew, Louise, Emma, Alisha, and Chasity; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and daughter, Dodie. An online guestbook is available at [www.behrenswilson.com](http://www.behrenswilson.com).