

## **Dr. Robert Moody Wood**

Dr. Robert "Bob" Moody Wood, may his memory be a blessing, was born March 13, 1922, in Sturgis, SD, to Robert I. and Charity M. Wood. He grew up in Sturgis, graduating Sturgis High School in 1940. Prior to WWII, he served as a bandsman in the South Dakota National Guard, and during the war, he proudly served on active duty as commander of the 626th Engineer Light Equipment Company. Following WWII, he married Edna Marie Grams of Sturgis and moved to Chicago, where he studied dentistry at Loyola University of Chicago. Upon completion of his studies, Bob and his small family returned to Sturgis, where he practiced dentistry with his father.

Bob eventually left private practice to join the Veterans Affairs (Veterans Administration) Hospital system, and served as staff dentist and chief of dentistry at VA hospitals in St. Cloud, MN, and in Salem, VA. The last 15 years of his career he spent at the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in Lincoln, NE, where he was associate professor of community dentistry.

Upon retirement, Bob and his family returned to the Black Hills, settling in Spearfish, the town whose beauty and friendly people he cherished. In retirement, he served as a consultant for the Chicago Dental Society and Great Plains Television in their production of continuing education courses for dentists. In his free time, he enjoyed music, playing his clarinet and saxophone in the Northern Hills Band and other community bands. He was also active in All Angels Episcopal Church.

Bob will be loved and remembered for his kindness and generosity. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather and a kind and gentle healer. He treated people with kindness and dignity, and he instilled in his children reverence for all life, respect for all people, and compassion for all who struggle in life.

While practicing dentistry in Sturgis, Bob also served in the US Public Health Service, working part time at what was then known as the Sioux Sanitarium. His service at the Sioux San instilled in him a deep respect for the Lakota people and their strength and resilience. His service in the VA instilled in him a deep appreciation of the sacrifices of military veterans and compassion for those whose bodies and minds have been broken by war.

Bob, 89, Spearfish, SD, died peacefully at home on December 2, 2011, surrounded by his four children, following a brief illness.

Profoundly grateful to have shared this life with him are his wife of 65 years, Edna Marie, of Spearfish; son, Robert of Spearfish; daughter, Claire of Seward, NE; twin daughters, Nancy and Anne of Stavanger, Norway; grandchildren, Hans and Elsa of Oslo, Norway; and cherished cats, Cletus, Floyd, and Emmy. Other survivors include half-sisters, Mary and Susan of Sturgis; and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and his sister, Harriet, preceded him in death.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Dr. Robert Moody Wood***

*1922 ~ 2011*



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O'Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved, as to love; for  
It is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying that we are born  
to Eternal Life.*

*-St. Francis of Assisi*

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***Born***

March 13, 1922  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

December 2, 2011  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.  
All Angels Episcopal Church  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Rev. Julian Bunker Hill

***Musical Selections***

"Abide With Me"  
"Amazing Grace"  
"God Be in My Head"  
"Fairest Lord Jesus"  
"Faith of Our Fathers"

***Interment***

At A Later Date  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship  
in the church hall following the memorial service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*