

## Mary Ella Hayford



Mary Ella Hayford was born January 26, 1927, in Hermosa to Eddie Lee and Mary Ellen (Lobdell) Couch. She grew up around the Rapid City area until 1941, when they moved to Milboro, SD. She attended a rural school in Winner, SD, and finished her senior year

in 1945, in Dupree, SD. While in Dupree she helped work on the family farm with her father. She moved to Rapid City to attend the National School of Business, graduating in December 1946.

She married Nathan Orville Raymond Hayford on January 23, 1947, in Rapid City. Mary and Nathan lived mainly in the Black Hills except for the 2 years they lived in Milboro. Since 1949, Mary and Nathan have lived in Sturgis, where they raised their family. In 2004, Mary moved to Austell, GA, with Janice Casteel, returning to Sturgis two years later to live out her final years.

She is survived by her children, Raymond (Carol) Hayford of Hoschton GA, Janice Casteel of Sturgis, Marilyn (Leon) Coolley of Spearfish, Dale (Syd) Hayford of Spearfish, and Debbie Hayford and her partner John Purdy of Hiram, GA; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Jean Edwards and Faye Applegate; and one brother, Basil Couch.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, Eddie and Mary Couch; husband, Nathan; brothers, Earl and Vernley Couch; 6 sisters, Verna, Vera, Lois, Hazel, Lorraine, and Ruby; 2 daughters, Judy Harkness and Betty Lou Hayford; and one great-grandson, Joshua Laird.

A memorial has been established to the American Heart Association.

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

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Mary Ella Hayford*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

**1927 ~ 2014**



***The Broken Chain***

*We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the Chain will link again.*

***In Loving Memory Of***

***Mary Ella Hayford***

***Born***

January 26, 1927  
Hermosa, South Dakota

***Died***

November 5, 2014  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Monday, November 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.  
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Clergy***

Pastor Aaron Munsell

***Special Musical Selections***

"One Day At A Time"  
"Amazing Grace"

***Musicians***

Mary Harms  
Judy Baldwin

***Pallbearers & Honorary Pallbearers***

Christopher Casteel ~ Derek Hayford ~ Tate Hayford  
Nathan Hayford ~ Charles Coolley ~ Martin Coolley  
Raymond Laird ~ Wayne Laird ~ Corey Hayford

***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota