

## **Dorothy May Pranger**

Dorothy was born February 12, 1923, in Lebanon, SD, to Victor and Carrie (Crane) Norris. She graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1941, and then completed a one-year course in cosmetology in 1942.

In 1945, she married James Lee Pranger of Platte, SD. In the early part of their married life, Dorothy held various secretarial positions while her husband served as a telegraph operator for railroads in South Dakota and Iowa. In the early 1950's, Dorothy and her husband attended special gospel meetings and came to know the Lord personally. This experience brought such a transformation to their lives that they wanted to share the gospel with

others. They committed themselves to ministry and in 1955 were assigned by the American Sunday School Union to work in northeast Missouri. This was a rural ministry focused on youth and adults through Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, and Bible studies. Dorothy was a vital part of this ministry. She was an excellent teacher, story teller, motivator, and organizer. After ten years in Missouri, they moved to Texas in a fund-raising capacity for the American Sunday School Union. Here Dorothy was involved in merchandising, local church work, and care-giving. After several years of retirement in Texas, they returned to the Black Hills area in 2001.

Dorothy loved studying and teaching the Scripture. She loved children and was an avid youth worker. Her teaching and story-telling ability kept children spell-bound. Her last teaching assignment was to teach Bible lessons to the Spearfish Hillsview Church of Nazarene day-care students. She "retired" from this at 88 years of age. She also enjoyed music and often sang with her husband, James. She found delight in handwork, walking, reading, encouraging friends, and care-giving.

She will be remembered for her love for her Lord and her desire to share Him with others, her care-giving spirit, and her confidence that God was sovereign and in control of all things.

Dorothy May Pranger, age 91, of Spearfish, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2014, at home.

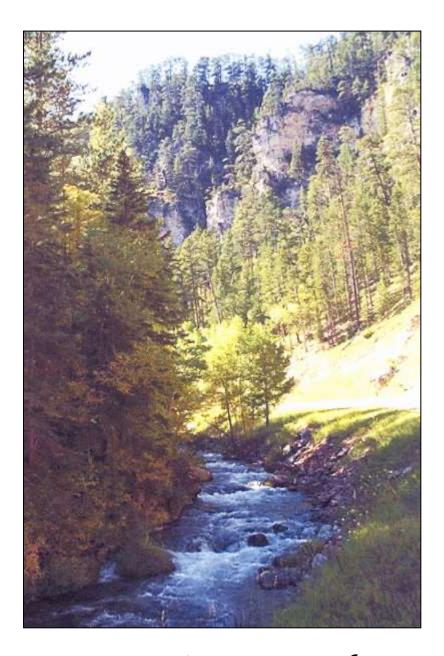
Those left to honor her memory are sister, Thelma Hepper of Gettysburg, SD; brother, Raymond Norris of McMinnville, OR; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends in South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, James; her parents, Victor and Carrie Norris; sisters, Helen, June, and Betty; and brothers, Lewis, Loyd, Duane, and James.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice of the Northern Hills, 1440 N Main St, Spearfish, SD 57783 or a fund that will be distributed to a Christian ministry.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www. kinkadefunerals.com.





In Loving Memory Of

Dorothy Pranger

1923 ~ 2014



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#### **Born**

February 12, 1923 Lebanon, South Dakota

### Died

April 25, 2014 Spearfish, South Dakota

## Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel

# Officiating

Mr. Kline Capps

# Accompanist

Mary Lauer

#### Soloist

**Bob Christofferson** 

## **Musical Selections**

"Amazing Grace"
"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

## Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

## Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at the Spearfish Senior Center following the committal service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



Psalm 23
New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, [a] I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.