

Dorthy (Swenson) Murray of Sturgis, SD, went to heaven on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Sturgis Monument Hospice surrounded by her children. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at Believers Fellowship (across from Sturgis Brewery) at 1:00 on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Dorthy and Darleen (twin sister) were born in Meade County, South Dakota, on August 25, 1932, to Albert and Victoria (Karrels). Upon completing school in Sturgis, she married Raymond Murray and had six children. After a brief time in Hot Springs, they moved to the farm outside of Vale, and later to Sturgis. She spent some time in Wyoming, working as a nanny, then worked as a cook at Teen Challenge in Sundance before settling back in Sturgis. She had many adventures in her life in which she learned talents she used her whole life. Even at 91, it was not unusual to see Dorthy canning or baking wheat bread.

As twin sisters, Dorthy and Darleen were inseparable. If they were not together, they stayed together by frequently talking on the phone. Dorthy loved to spend time with her family playing card games – cribbage was her favorite. She played her last game of cribbage with her family on Thursday night. If you knew Dorthy, you would see her thrift shopping not only in the secondhand stores, but also at the grocery stores. She refused to dress like an “old lady” and always accessorized with a brooch, no matter what outfit or occasion.

Survivors include her five children, Douglas (Armine) Murray, Dickinson, ND; Jack Murray, Casper, WY; Jill (Bill) Netterberg, Sturgis, SD; Joseph Murray, Phoenix, AZ; Neil Murray, Sturgis, SD; sisters, Viola Yirka and Darleen Huddleston; sister-in-law, Carol Swenson; brothers, Roger (Barbara) Swenson and John (Barbara) Swenson; grandchildren, Julia (Jamie) Hermann, Steven (Missy) Netterberg, and Jodie (Ronald) Handran; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sheryl Murray; brothers, Alan and Levern; and her parents.

Shed no tears for Dorthy. “I get to go home to see Jesus, to see Sheryl . . . It is so beautiful,” is what Mom said to us when she learned that she was not responding to medical care. She was so excited, she wanted to call her friends to share her good news with them, literally reciting her friends’ ten-digit phone numbers from memory. You are now home, Mom, but we miss you here!

A memorial has been established to Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry.

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

Special thanks to the caregivers at hospice for their compassion and the wonderful care given to our mother.

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *A Celebration Of Life*



*Dorthy S. Murray*

*August 25, 1932 ~ April 13, 2024*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Dorthy S. Murray***

*Born*

August 25, 1932  
Meade County, South Dakota

*Died*

April 13, 2024  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Memorial Service*

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m.  
Believers Fellowship  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiants*

Pastor John Williamson  
Roger Swenson  
Robert Yantis

*Musical Selections*

Wendy Soulek – “On Eagle’s Wings”  
Congregational Hymn - “Amazing Grace”  
Wendy Soulek – “High upon the Mountains”

*Final Resting Place*

At a Later Date

*“I have fought the good fight;  
I have finished the race ,  
I have kept the faith.”*

*2 Timothy 4:7*

