

## Lillian Estelle Hopson



Estelle was born August 25, 1914, at Crosbyton, TX, to Grady W. and Maude Lee (Johnson) Wilson Sr. She was raised on a farm at West Way near Hereford, TX. She was the oldest of eight children.

In 1951, Estelle and her husband, Arvel Hopson, moved from Hereford, TX, to join the rest of the Wilson family in Faith and Sturgis, SD.

Estelle owned and operated restaurants in Hereford, TX, and in Faith and Sturgis, SD.

Estelle and her sister, Pauline, loved to travel. They traveled between Texas and South Dakota visiting relatives.

Estelle was always quick with a compliment and hospitable with her talent for cooking. Pies were her specialty. She also enjoyed fishing, grandkids, singing church hymns, and dancing the *Charleston*.

Estelle recently received a South Dakota State Library award for becoming a member of the 10 Squared Club. The Club was established by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (a division of the Library of Congress) to honor lifelong readers who are 100 or more years of age. This award acknowledges her achievements and the rewards of a life of reading and intellectual curiosity.

Lillian Estelle Hopson, 101, Sturgis, died Monday, October 19, 2015, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her sons, Rodney C. Hopson, Billings, MT, Timothy J. Hopson, Sturgis, and Grady Hopson, Prescott Valley, AZ; daughter, Vickie L. Velasquez, Monte Vista, CO; brothers, Thomas E. Wilson, Hereford, TX, Donald L. Wilson, Bartlesville, OK, and Larry L. Wilson, Faith, SD; sister, Sue Keffeler, Sturgis; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and special friends, Violet Anderson and Geri Ericson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Ava Sue; son, Jerry Ray Landers; sisters, Gertrude Millard and Pauline Block; and brother, Grady Wilson, Jr.

Memorials have been established to the Mountain States Children's Home in Longmont, CO, or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, NM.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Lillian Estelle Hopson*

*1914 ~ 2015*

*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.*



### **My Mother**

She carried me  
under her heart;  
Loved me before I was born;  
Took God's hand in hers  
and walked through  
the Valley of Shadows  
that I might live;

Prayed for me  
through all the days,  
when flooded with sunshine  
or saddened by shadows;  
Though we lay down  
our lives for her  
we can never pay the debt  
we owe to a mother.



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## **Lillian Estelle Hopson**

### **Born**

August 25, 1914  
Crosbyton, Texas

### **Died**

October 19, 2015  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### **Funeral Service**

Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
Church Of Christ  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### **Officiant**

Pastor Calvin Chapman

### **Speaker**

Larry Wilson

### **Slide Show of Estelle's Life**

### **Special Music**

Cheryl and Grady Hopson

### **Song Leader**

Jeff Manley

### **Musical Selections**

"If That Isn't Love" ~ "In The Garden"  
"Is It Well To My Soul"

### **Pallbearers**

Tyler Hopson ~ Drew Hopson ~ Ryan Hopson  
Jeremy Hopson ~ Tanner Hopson ~ Steve Landers  
Darrell Hopson ~ Shane Landers ~ Douglas Robinson

### **Interment**

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota