

Frances Elizabeth (Bachand) Wetz was born March 20, 1921, in a nursing home known as Miss Hayes in Sturgis, SD, to Frank E. & Mary V. (Kincheloe) Bachand. The family lived near the Belle Fourche River southeast of Volunteer where she and her younger brother, Oscar, herded sheep and cattle in the Dirty 30's. She attended country school through the seventh grade and eighth through twelfth grades in the Sturgis schools.

She was married to Oliver M. Wetz October 12, 1940, and they lived for two years in a one-room apartment in the same house where she was born. They moved to a ranch in the Vale area to raise cattle and sheep and their son, Ronnie, was born in 1947. They retired in 1984 and moved back to Sturgis. She lived at Heritage Acres from 2010-2013 and then the nursing home until her death.

She was a long-time member of the Volunteer Extension Club, a member of the Sturgis Senior Center, the R.S.V.P. Hospital Auxiliary, and the Western Dakota Antique Auxiliary, and she also served on the election board for many years.

Frances enjoyed her family, especially the great-grandchildren, gardening, yardwork, growing flowers, house plants, and a variety of crafts, which included crocheting dozens of doilies and even tablecloths. She played the piano by ear and composed songs for her two granddaughters when they were born. She took up oil painting rather late in life and painted some beautiful pictures.

Frances, 98, of Sturgis, died Sunday, November 3, 2019, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care.

Survivors include her son, Ronnie and Peggy Wetz, Red Owl; two granddaughters, Jodie and Jason Grubl, Red Owl, and Jan and Will Brengle, Piedmont; five great-grandchildren, Tye Grubl, Williston, ND, Brittany and Jalynn Grubl, Red Owl, and Tanner and Bailey Brengle, Sioux Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Oliver, in 1989; and three brothers, Ezward, Ralph, and Oscar.

Memorials have been established to the Meade County Senior Center or the charity of the donor's choice.

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



*In Loving Memory*

*Frances Elizabeth Wetz*

*March 20, 1921 ~ November 3, 2019*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the  
Erskine Room in the church basement following the memorial service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*





## *In Memory Of* **Frances Elizabeth Wetz**

### ***Date of Birth***

March 20, 1921  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Date of Death***

November 3, 2019  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Memorial Service***

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Pastor Harold Delbridge  
Reverend Paul Henschen

### ***Musicians***

Theresa Hanzlik  
Edna Smith

### ***Songs***

"One Day at a Time"  
"Beyond the Sunset"  
"Peace in the Valley"  
"Green, Green Grass of Home"

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Tye Grubl   Brittany Grubl   Jalyynn Grubl  
Tanner Brengle   Bailey Brengle  
All Other Family and Friends

### ***Final Resting Place***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

## *A Wife, A Mother, A Grandma, Too*

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.

You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.

You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just a wife, not just a mother.

For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.