



### Frances Ann Torgrude Erickson

Fran was born to John and Pansy Marie Wagner on July 26, 1936, in Deadwood, SD. She attended school in Deadwood, graduating from Deadwood High School in 1954. She married Conley Torgrude in 1957, and to this union four daughters were born. She married Carl Erickson in Reno, NV, in June of 1981.

Fran was very active in her church, Bethel Lutheran, later renamed Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lead, SD, serving as Parish Secretary for many years. She later joined Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis, SD.

Fran began working for the U.S. Forest Service in 1978 at the Box Elder Job Corps Center near Nemo, SD, as the receptionist. When she retired in 2005, with 27 years of service, she was the Administrative Officer. She also worked for the Forest Service at the Nemo Ranger District at Deadwood, SD, and the Spearfish Ranger District at Spearfish, SD. Fran truly enjoyed working and greatly valued the relationships she established with her coworkers and the youth at the job corps.

Fran was involved in sewing, crocheting and crafting in younger years, but in later years, gravitated to more interactive pursuits such as playing cards (she loved pinochle), ballroom and square dancing, and singing with the church choir. She enjoyed traveling to group functions, meeting new friends, and reuniting with old friends and family. She retained a loving connection to her fellow classmates of the Deadwood High School class of 1954, especially with her dear friend, Loyola Moser Rundel.

Fran loved birds and was especially partial to hummingbirds. She spent hours sitting on her back deck, or wherever they were, watching them flit back and forth.

Frances Ann Torgrude Erickson, 79, died Friday, October 23, 2015, at the Sturgis Long Term Care.

Fran is survived by her husband, Carl Erickson; daughters, Debbie (Kim) Smoot, Belle Fourche, SD, Connie (John) Schmitt, Grand Junction, CO, Tammie (David) Paulson, Clark, SD and Pam (David) Carlson, Carol Stream, IL; step-children, Carla (Craig) Clement, Chandler, AZ, and Warren Mark Erickson, Craig, CO; sisters, Kathryn LaBau, Spearfish, SD, and Johnnie Lee Saunders, Vallejo, CA; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and extended family and friends

Fran was preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister, Grace Marie; nephews, Keith, Brian, and James Davidson; and an aunt, Martha Wilkins.

A memorial has been established.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Fran Erickson*

*1936 ~ 2015*

*For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,  
Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'*

*Isaiah 41:13*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine room in the church basement immediately following the memorial service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



## **My Spirit Soars**

Think of me walking  
with my hand  
in the Lord's.

Looking back every  
now and then  
watching over you.

And when you think of me,  
my Spirit will soar  
through the Heavens'.

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Frances Ann Erickson***

***Born***

July 26, 1936  
Deadwood, South Dakota

***Died***

October 23, 2015  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Officiants***

Pastor Henrique Fleming  
Pastor Herbert Cleveland

***Special Music***

Marlene Kotab

***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace" ~ "On Eagle's Wings"

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota