

Eleanor Wright

Eleanor was born in New England, ND, to Ralph and Eleanor (Heidt) Jahner on April 6, 1930. She grew up on a farm in the New England area and attended a country school up to the eighth grade. She regularly took care of her brothers and sisters. On November 25, 1947, she married Alban Kopp in Raleigh, ND, and they raised their family together until his death in 1985. She then married Lee Wright on March 4, 1994, in Sturgis, and they enjoyed their time together until his death in 2013.

Eleanor will be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother and a devout catholic that was often active in her parish. She was a wonderful caregiver assisting patients in hospice for many years, and enjoyed doing things for other people. She loved music and enjoyed playing the accordion, but she was happiest when her family would get together to sing and dance. The chicken dance was her favorite.

Eleanor Wright, 84, Sturgis, died peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, September 5, 2014, at Sturgis Regional Hospital, Lippold Hospice Suite.

She is survived by her sons, Richard (Suzanne) Kopp, Newcastle, WY, Dennis (Tina) Kopp, Sturgis, and Neil (Mary) Kopp, Newcastle, WY; daughters, Bonnie Bruch, Whitewood, Patti (Kim) Coe, Vale, Connie Grayum, Locust Grove, OK, and Carmen (Todd) Sherman, Wilmington, NC; step-children, Ed King, Meeker, CO, Gussie Erickson, Sturgis, and Paula (Bob) Whetzal, Sturgis; sister, Mary Alice Nehl, Lemmon; 29 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Eleanor is preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; five sisters; five brothers; grandsons, Byron Crown and Trent Coe; step-son, John Wright; and son-in-law, Doug Grayum.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the Sturgis Police, EMT's, and the employees at Lippold Hospice.

Memorials have been established to St. Francis of Assisi and the Lippold Hospice Suite.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Eleanor Wright

1930 ~ 2014

*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.*



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Born

April 6, 1930
New England, North Dakota

Died

September 5, 2014
Sturgis, South Dakota

Vigil

Sunday, September 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, September 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

The Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Organist ~ Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist ~ Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"One Day At A Time" "On Eagle's Wings"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Kirk Kopp ~ Heath Kopp ~ Jed Kopp ~ Jessie Kopp
Stein Bruch ~ Zweit Bruch ~ KeyStone Kopp

Honorary Pallbearers

Todd Sherman ~ Kim Coe ~ Bud Kopp ~ Brad Neuschwander
Toby Davenport ~ Wayne Patterson ~ David Vanderpool
Jason Paulsen ~ Brian Gruhn ~ Brian Nelson

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery