



Maxine Grace Bongard

Maxine Grace (Anderson) Bongard passed from this world on January 19, 2018. The reigning matriarch of the Anderson Family, Maxine was born the second of eight children, on February 2, 1929, in Alpena, SD, to Esther Jane (Cunningham) and Grant Vernon ("Jim") Anderson, and grew up around the Woonsocket and Green Grass areas of South Dakota. She met and married Calvin Leroy Bongard in Fort Lewis, Washington, on July 12, 1947. Thereafter, they traveled around the country and the world together, and with their children, as he served in the US Army.

Maxine earned her GED while in Monterey, California. She had many talents and was a tireless worker, starting as a waitress at age 17, and continuing in that profession for many years as they lived at various Army postings. The family moved from the Twin Cities to Tomah, Wisconsin, in 1970, where she worked at the Holiday Inn as banquet manager, a salesperson at Tomah Office Supply, and was a sales partner at Tomah Sew and Vac. Calvin's passing in 1994, led Maxine to move to Rapid City, SD, to be near her siblings. She spent the last 23 years enjoying every minute with her large extended family, sharing stories, and as the go-to person for questions about the Anderson and Cunningham family histories. She particularly enjoyed visiting with extended family at the annual Anderson and Cunningham Family reunions.

Sewing was a lifetime passion. Maxine sewed clothes for herself and for the children as they were growing up, and in later years she became an avid quilter, working at the Quilt Connection Etc. quilt shop in Rapid City where she was a jack of all trades, working as a salesperson, teacher, and sewing machine repair person. The customers she served often became close friends. She continued repairing machines for many years even after being diagnosed with COPD thanks to her portable oxygen machine. She retired from all work when macular degeneration stole her eyesight.

Maxine is survived by her four children: Kellie (Jim) LaRue of Black Hawk, SD, Kathy (Rob) Hoey of Seasmont, ME, Jerry (Patricia) Bongard of Warner, QLD, Australia, and D'Anne (Bub) Thompson of Marcus, SD; grandchildren Christopher (Catherine) and Michael Bongard, Sam and Isaac Hoey, and Amanda and Troy Thompson; siblings JoAnne (Avin) Martin, Kenny (Geneann) Anderson and Joyce Peterson all of Piedmont, SD, sister-in-law Muriel (Dupris) Anderson of Bloomington, MN, many nieces, nephews and greats that she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband Calvin (Kelly) Bongard, sisters and brothers-in-law: Beverly (Wes) Steele, Norma (Lester) Hertel; brothers: Grant Vernon ("Junior") Anderson, Jr., Leonard Anderson, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please consider donating in her name to the Anderson Education Fund, macular degeneration research at Bright Focus Foundation (<https://www.brightfocus.org>), or Regional Health Hospice House.

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

In Loving Memory Of



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1929 ~ 2018



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Born

February 2, 1929
Alpena, South Dakota

Died

January 19, 2018
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Connie Eichinger

Musical Selections

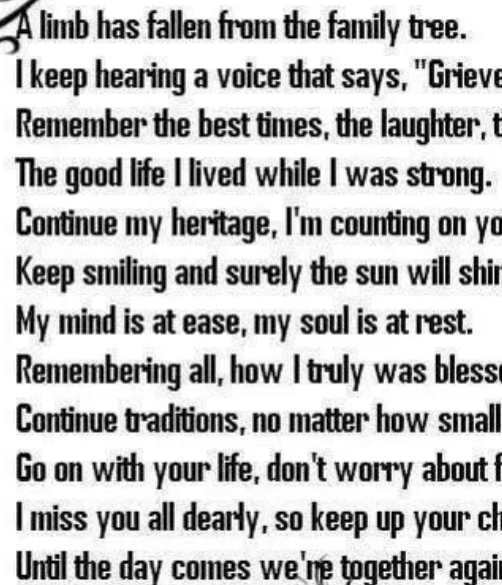
“Angels Among Us”
“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Church in the Wildwood”

Honorary Pallbearers

Christopher Bongard ~ Michael Bongard ~ Samuel Hoey
Isaac Hoey ~ Amanda Thompson ~ Troy Thompson

Inurnment

At A Later Date



A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.