

Elsie Marie Bartels

Elsie Marie (Combellick) Bartels was born on July 2, 1927, to Benjamin and Marina (Mode) Combellick, of Gettysburg, South Dakota. She was the 7th of 8 children.

Elsie married Bruce Bartels of Lebanon, SD, on October 10, 1948. They were married 63 years until Bruce's death in 2011.

They resided around the Gettysburg area until 1968, when they moved to Lead, SD. In 1984, they bought their place outside of Newell.

When Elsie was 40 years old, she found "God". No, God found her. When she was in a desperate spot the only person who came to her aid was the Lutheran Pastor. She had never met him or been in the church. Her life changed. She was baptized and took confirmation classes. She became a member of the church, had her daughters baptized. She has always been grateful. She became very involved with every church she has been in. Church to her was a necessity, not a want. If she missed church on Sunday, she said her whole week was screwed up.

Elsie was very proud of her grandfather, William Combellick, who held several patents for hog feeders and other things. He also was one of the founding fathers of Gettysburg. All of the men fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. Thus, giving the town its name.

Elsie always made do with what she had. She was legally blind but that didn't stop her. When the grandchildren started appearing she didn't have money for store bought gifts. So, she sewed clothes, quilts, toys, etc. The grandkids loved everything and couldn't wait till the next year to see what she made. Her great-grandchildren are now playing with the toys.

Elsie Marie Bartels, 95, of Newell, SD, died on July 29, 2022, at the Spearfish Canyon Health Center.

Elsie is survived by sons, Richard (Emma), and Barry of Newell, and Wes of Rapid City; daughters, Rena Whalen of Rapid City, and Susan Pickett of Vale; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce; grandson, Shawn Bartels; granddaughter, Kerry Bartels; sons-in-law, Jim Whalen, and Randy Pickett.

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

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while. . . .

Their hearts forever.

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the church following the memorial service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



In Loving Memory Of

Elsie Marie Bartels
July 2, 1927 ~ July 29, 2022



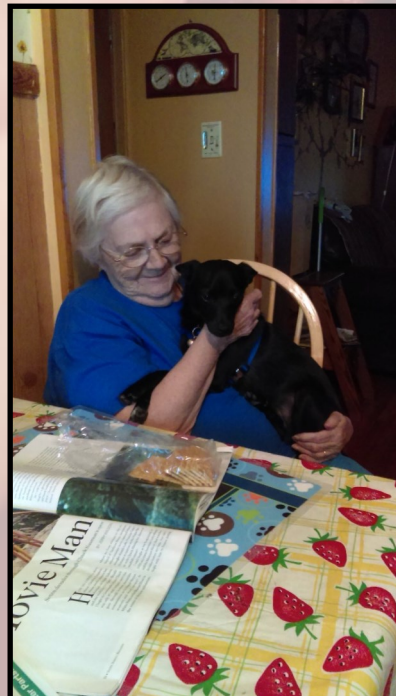
Mom,

*Although I cannot see you,
Your love is still my guide.
I wish that I could touch you,
As you're always by my side.*

*You listen to my stories,
You wiped away my tears.
You wrapped your arms around me.
You understood my fears.*

*Although I cannot see you
With my tear-filled eyes.
I'll talk to you in silence
And cherish your replies.*

*Although days are now without you,
We're never far apart.
Because dear sweet mother,
You're always in our hearts.*



*In Loving Memory Of
Elsie Marie Bartels*

Born

July 2, 1927
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Died

July 29, 2022
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
St. James Lutheran Church
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Officiant

Reverend Kari Webb

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace" "It Is Well with My Soul"
"I'll Fly Away" "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle"

Final Resting Place

At A Later Date
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota