

## Sara Louise Murray

Sara was born February 29, 1920, to August and Elizabeth Efland at their home in Fairburn, SD. She lived there eighteen years before moving to Black Hawk with her father and brother after her mother's death. She met Earl Murray while working at the Sturgis Hatchery and they were married on May 29, 1943. They spent the next 37 years living and working on a farm east of Sturgis where they raised their two daughters. In 1980, Earl and Sara retired from dairy farming and built a new home in Sturgis where they both enjoyed their retirement years. Sara took up the hobby of china painting at that time and became very accomplished at the craft. She also enjoyed writing and completed a book on her life story – many friends and family have enjoyed her book as well as her beautiful china paintings. Sara spent many years visiting residents at the Sturgis Nursing Home and it became a nightly ritual for her to walk down the street from her home to visit residents there. Earl passed away in 1998 and Sara continued to live in their home until 2010 when she moved to an assisted living facility in Spearfish.

Sara Louise Murray, 93, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Belle Fourche Regional Healthcare Center.

Sara is survived by daughters, Linda Bergan, Blaine, MN, and Laurel (Tom) Cornelius, Parker, CO; grandchildren, Scott (Deanne) Cornelius, Littleton, CO, Todd Bergan, St. Paul, MN, Shane Bergan, Brooklyn Park, MN, Sean (Joy) Cornelius, Parker, CO, Kara (Mike) Rios, Edina, MN, and Krista (Chad) Jelinek, Littleton, CO; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Arthur; husband, Earl; grandson, Derek Bergan; and great-grandson, Lawson Rios.

Sara was dearly loved by those that met her and her beautiful smile and sparkling eyes will be remembered and missed by many.

Those wishing to make a donation in honor of Sara are welcome to donate to the Alzheimer's Association, where a memorial has been established in her name, or to the charity of one's choice.

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



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Sara Louise Murray*

*1920 ~ 2013*

*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.*



### ***The Fallen Limb***

*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."*

***Author Unknown***

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## ***Sara Louise Murray***

### ***Born***

February 29, 1920  
Fairburn, South Dakota

### ***Died***

March 27, 2013  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Monday, April 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Pastor Jenene Earl

### ***Organist***

Maxine Nelson

### ***Soloist***

Myrna Hill

### ***Musical Selections***

"In The Garden"  
"On Eagle's Wings"

### ***Pallbearers***

Scott Cornelius, Todd Bergan, Shane Bergan  
Sean Cornelius, Kara Rios, Krista Jelinek

### ***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota