

Dorothy Marlys (Wenzel) French, 101, Sturgis, SD, passed away on August 1, 2023 at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis.

Dorothy was born on the family homestead near Bixby, SD, June 22, 1922 to Walter F. and Kate Belle (Field) Wenzel. She attended grade school at Brushy School in Perkins County, 2 years of High School at the School of Agriculture, Brookings, SD, and graduated from Northgate High School, Northgate, ND, in 1940. She continued her education at Black Hills Teachers College and began teaching at Moskee, WY, where she taught in the Alva School District.

Dorothy was active in her community being a member of the Beaver Creek Homemakers Club, a lifetime member of Hulett Rebekah Lodge #49, serving as a 4-H leader and cook at Mallo Canyon 4-H Camp, and being the Crook County Fair Supervisor. She also held several offices with the Farm Bureau.

On December 10, 1944 she married Russell E. French at Mitchell, SD, and started their family.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Joe Russell (Patricia), Lemmon, SD, Ned Victor, Winnemucca, NV, Lea Kathryn (Clem) Nighswonger, Wasilla, AK, along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; brothers, Henry, William (Bill), Walter L. (Bud); sisters, Kathryn (Kay) and Nora E.; daughter, Marlys Grace; great great grandson, Wilder; daughter-in-law, Susan French; and grandson-in-law, Vance Blacksmith.

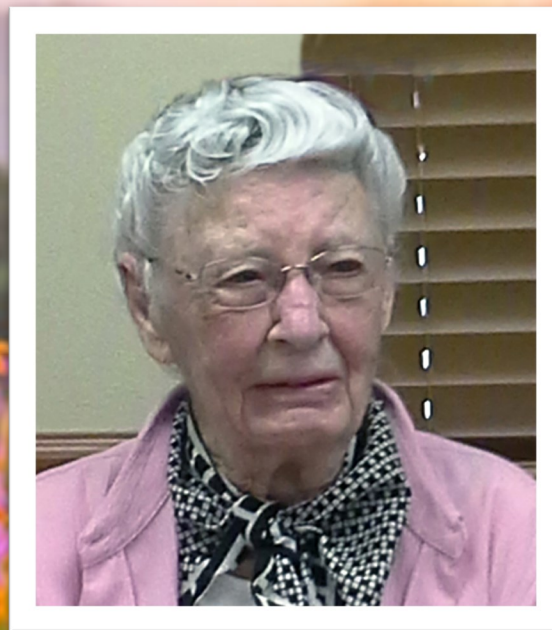
Following her wishes Dorothy will be cremated and buried beside her husband, Russell.

In lieu of flowers donations made be made to the Children's Miracle Network, to be used locally in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, SD.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship following  
the interment, sack lunches will be provided.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



***Dorothy Marlys French***  
***June 22, 1922 ~ August 1, 2023***



## *Mama*

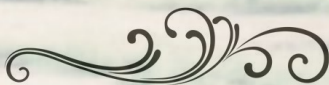
*Your faith in God and in His Son,  
the light of love within your heart  
Shone so brightly on all of us  
encouraging us to do our part.*



*In the sorrowful days to come  
when we miss you here on earth  
we'll find comfort in remembering  
your stories, wisdom, joy and mirth.*

*These are among the things we'll miss -  
your loving hugs and kisses goodbye,  
that cute way you tilted your head  
with that certain twinkle in your eye.*

*With thankful hearts for knowing you  
and all our memories to save  
we will forever remember  
the love you gave and gave and gave.*



## *In Loving Memory Of*

# *Dorothy Marlys French*

### *Born*

June 22, 1922  
Bixby, South Dakota

### *Died*

August 1, 2023  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Graveside Service*

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 9:30 a.m.  
Alva Cemetery  
Alva, Wyoming

### *Officiants*

Kelsey Ramsden  
Jolene Krisher

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

All Her Friends and Family

### *Final Resting Place*

Alva Cemetery  
Alva, Wyoming