



Mary Ellice Rucastle

Mary was born October 20, 1921, at Strool, SD, to Ivan and Laura (Dutton) Seymour. She grew up on the ranch and was educated at a country school. She graduated from Hettinger High School and attended one year of college at Black Hills Normal in Spearfish. Mary taught country school in Sorum, Reva, and north of Reva for several years. She moved to Sturgis where she worked at the Ben Franklin Store, Lunds Bakery, and Haley's Grocery Store before working at Fort Meade in the Laundry Department. She retired from Fort Meade and lived in Whitewood for 43 years before moving to Spearfish.

Mary married John Rucastle in Sturgis on June 12, 1958.

Mary was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood and the Whitewood and Spearfish Senior Centers.

Mary Ellice Rucastle, 90, Spearfish and formerly of Whitewood, died Monday, December 12, 2011, at the Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her children, Carol Gritts, Spearfish, Donald (Donna) Lee, Rapid City, and Barbara Lee-Bachand, Sturgis; grandchildren, Brian Winner, Sioux Falls, Jeromie and Carleton Gritts, Spearfish, Cheyenne (Brandon) Battson, Justin, TX, Nadine Lee, Eagle Butte, and Danielle and Jordan Cass, Eagle Butte; great-grandchildren, Abby Winner, Sioux Falls, MacKenzie and Michaeli Cass, Eagle Butte, Ma'Leah Lee, Eagle Butte, Bella Battson, Justin, TX, and Haidien Joe-Ann Gritts, Ronan, MT; sister, Dorothy (Bill) Young, Lincoln, NE; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Seymour, Spearfish, and Marjorie Seymour, Anchorage, AK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ivan and Laura Seymour; first husband, Walter Lee; husband and soul mate for 53 years, John Rucastle; son, Sherrill Lee; daughter, Rose Lee; grandson, Trevour Joe Gritts; sisters, Hazel (Joe) Manning and Evelyn (Bill) Hill; and brothers, Coral and Melvin Seymour.

Memorials have been established to the Whitewood and Spearfish Senior Centers and the Whitewood Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Mary Rucastle

1921 ~ 2011

*It's hard to see tomorrow
When someone you love is gone.
And it's harder still to realize
That your life will still go on.
But the Lord won't give you burdens
Which He knows you cannot bear,
And He will not leave you comfortless - -
You'll always find Him there.
We're all our Father's children,
Here on earth and up above,
And your loved one now
Walks close to God,
Surrounded by His love.*



A Million Times

*A million times we've needed you,
 A million times we've cried,
 If our love could have saved you,
 You never would have died.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you did not go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.
 He saw you were getting tired,
 When a recovery was not to be,
 He closed His arms around you,
 And whispered "Come to Me."
 For all the pain you went through,
 He saw you needed rest,
 God's garden must be beautiful,
 For he only picks the best.*

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Born

October 20, 1921
Strool, South Dakota

Died

December 12, 2011
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, December 16, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Officiating

Rev. David Baer

Soloist

Susie Payne

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Don't Cry For Me"

Inurnment

Whitewood Cemetery

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
 in the church hall following the committal service.
 We thank you for your presence and condolences.*