Eileen D. (Sack) Hofer

Eileen was born January 4, 1929, to Frank Joseph and Dorothy Ellen Blanche (Wintermote) Sack on a farm near Liberty, KS. During her childhood, Eileen lived on farms near Liberty, Valley Center and Sedgewick, KS. In 1946, Eileen graduated from high school in Wichita, KS.

In the spring of 1946, Eileen and her family moved to a farm three miles west of Onida. Eileen worked for Hilton's restaurant and Onida High School until the spring of 1947. From 1947 to 1959, she worked for the Sully County ASCS Office. Eileen then elected to stay home to raise her family. From 1967 to 1973, Eileen went back to work outside the home at the Peavey Lumber Yard. She worked as secretary for her husband and manager, Wilbur. From 1973 to 1989, Eileen completed her civil service career at the Onida ASCS office. She retired in 1989.

On September 3, 1950, Eileen married Wilbur Hofer. After raising their family, Eileen and Wilbur toured the United States on numerous bus trips. In 1985, they enjoyed the plane trip and excursion to Hawaii. In 1989, they became world travelers. Supporting their youngest son, Calvin, who at the time was Director of the Rapid City Central High School Band on concert tour, they traveled to Romania, Russia, Hungary and Austria. In 1997, they embarked on yet another bus trip to Guadalajara, Mexico.

In 1995, Eileen and Wilbur established a winter home in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, residing at Rollin Home Mobile Park in Mission. They lived six months in Texas and six months in South Dakota, until both Wilbur's and Eileen's health required they remain in South Dakota. After Wilbur's death in 2005, Eileen lived at the South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs and at Holiday Hills Estates, The Victorian and Bella Vista in Rapid City until her death.

Holding numerous offices over many years, Eileen was active in the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of the Onida First Presbyterian Church, holding deacon and photo album chair offices for the women's organization. Eileen loved to work in her yard at home planting flowers for all to see and enjoy. She was always ready to help anyone who needed help. She was involved in the Onida senior center and senior meal delivery program.

Dorothy Eileen (Sack) Hofer, 87, of Onida and Rapid City, SD, died peacefully Monday, August 8, 2016, at the Golden Living Centers-Bella Vista nursing home in Rapid City.

Eileen is survived by her three sons and their wives: Terry (Janet) of Rapid City, SD; Scotty (Wendy) of Denver, CO; and Calvin (Margaret) of Grand Junction, CO; by her six grandsons and two great-grandchildren: Colin (Jamie) and great-granddaughters, Addison and Emerson, Andrew, Jared, Zachary, Stephen and Timothy; by her four siblings: two sisters, Jeanne Marie Johnson of Manteno, IL, and Ann Bridges of Pierre, SD; two brothers, Donald (Carol) of Snohomish, WA, and Dan of Kansas City, MO; three sisters-in-law, Sylvia of Spearfish, SD, Lexie of Ft. Pierre, SD, and Joyce of Onida, SD; and by her numerous nieces and nephews.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Ronald, Louis, Paul, Leland, Phillip, and his wife, Nona, and Frank; one sister, Madeline, and her husband, John Zebroski; and two brothers-in-law, Leo Johnson and Bill Bridges.

Eileen was a mother's mother. Although at times feisty with a "sparkling" personality, she mothered, mentored and tutored in a firm but loving manner, not only her three sons, who tended to need strong, loving direction, but also those around her, including extended family from South Dakota to Missouri to Minnesota and beyond, whom she felt needed support, help and guidance. Eileen lived and mothered from a gracious, honest and good heart. In Eileen's unique way, she expressed her love to those she loved, through Jesus Christ, for the benefit of all she touched.

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

In Loving Memory Of



*Eileen Hofer*1929 ~ 2016



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Eileen Hofer

Born

January 4, 1929 Liberty, Kansas

Died

August 8, 2016 Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church Rapid City, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Dillion Ferguson

Accompanists

Christine Leichtnam ~ Deb Wantoch

Musicians

Darci Bultema ~ Mike Skyles

Musical Selections

"The Prayer" "The Lord's Prayer"

Pallbearers

Colin Hofer ~Andrew Hofer ~ Jared Hofer Zachary Hofer ~ Stephen Hofer ~ Timothy Hofer

Interment

Monday, August 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at Terry and Janet's home at 3001 Palmer Drive in Rapid City, SD. following the service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.