

**Laurie E. (Fair) Vainio** was born February 19, 1941 on a farm



near Royal Oak, Michigan to Jesse and Gladys (Gregory) Fair. She was born a triplet and was 1 of 9 children. In 1953 the family moved to a farm near Ladysmith, Wisconsin where she graduated high school. After high school she worked at a summer resort near Hayward, Wisconsin for about 4 years. During that time she traveled several times to Sturgis, South Dakota to visit her Grandparents Guy & Edna Gregory.



During one of her visits she attended a dance at Whitewood's Golden Wheel Dance Hall where she



met her husband John. They married on August 25, 1963 and later had two children. They lived on a farm outside of St. Onge where they had a successful dairy and beef cattle business for many years. Laurie loved the farm, was proud of everything it stood for, and was never shy of hard work. She enjoyed milking cows, feeding cattle, stacking and raking hay, and driving her little Case tractor. Stray cats, stray dogs, and stray

people were never refused. Laurie had many talents in art including drawing and all types of arts and wood crafts. She was a modest woman who would greet you with a smile and was willing to help anyone. A loving wife, beloved mother, hard worker, a lovingly stubborn woman, loved by all, and one of a kind.

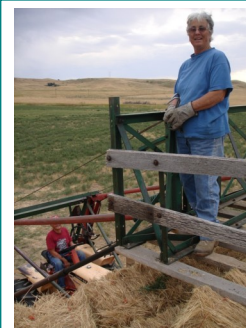


Laurie passed away as she wanted at



home on the farm on February 11, 2014. Survivors include daughter, Tina Reeves (Chris) and four grandchildren of St. Paul, Minnesota; son, Curt Vainio (Debbie) of Stafford, Virginia.; and her triplet sister, Loraine Faschingbaur of Bloomer, Wisconsin, and triplet brother, Loa Fair (Ruth) of Paragould, Arkansas.; sister, Betty Roush (Raymond) of Dolph, Arkansas; and brothers, Jesse F. Fair (Jo Ann) of Troy, Michigan, and William L. Fair of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Proceeded in death by her husband John, and brothers, Edward, Harry, and Jack.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Laurie E. (Fair) Vainio***

***1941 ~ 2014***





## ***So God Made a Farm Wife***

*By Heather deBoer*

Then God looked down at the farmer and said he can't do this on his own - So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone who can put on the coffee, cook a casserole, get the kids off to school, run to town to get parts and groceries, then hurry home to help finish the milking – So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone that doesn't mind getting dirt under her fingernails, knows how to drive a tractor, rake hay, knows how to get cockleburs out of kids hair, how to warm a calf when its 20 below, and doesn't mind milk replacer sitting in the corner of the kitchen – So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone who can feed an animal for a year, give it a name, care for it, love it, then load it in the trailer and haul it to the butcher to put in the freezer – So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone who can make plans that will probably get canceled, who understands when she gets tractor tires instead of diamonds on her anniversary, and can smile at a farmer and say, "Maybe next year"- So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone who can cry tears over lost calves, plead to God for needed rain, read the face of a man behind the layers of manure and grease, and understand the passion they share is not only for the farm, but for everything it means and the hope it represents – So God made a Farm Wife.

God said I need someone who knows the farm is not just a job, but a life woven together by love, hard work, eternal faith, and a marriage stronger than any drought or storm, one who can trust the good Lord with the family she loves, to give them strength and guidance to the end.



### ***In Loving Memory Of Laurie E. (Fair) Vainio***

#### ***Born***

February 19, 1941  
Royal Oak, Michigan

#### ***Died***

February 11, 2014  
Whitewood, South Dakota

#### ***Memorial Services***

Saturday, April 26th at 2:00pm  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

#### ***Officiating***

Reverend Loa Fair  
Assisted by Loraine Faschingbauer  
Assistant Pastor to Hospice

#### ***Musical Selections***

"Wings of a Dove"  
"I'll Fly Away"  
performed by Randy and Julie Tinnell

*A memorial has been established to  
Hospice of the Northern Hills.*