

## Edna Marie (Ree) Wood

Edna Marie (Ree) Wood, may her memory be a blessing, was born November 18, 1920 in Sturgis, SD to Harry and Edna Grams. She grew up in Sturgis, SD, graduating high school there in 1939. In 1942, she earned her R.N. diploma from Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing in Lincoln, NE.

During World War II, Ree proudly served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps aboard the *U.S.A.H.S. Shamrock* in the Mediterranean and in North Africa, receiving the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign medals. After the war, Ree returned to Sturgis and married Robert (Bob) M. Wood, a childhood friend. She worked as an R.N. at Ft. Meade before moving to Chicago.

While Bob was studying in Chicago, Ree looked after their two oldest children and helped sick neighbors in the Cabrini housing projects, where they lived. Bob's career took Ree and the family back to Sturgis and later to Roanoke, VA and Lincoln, NE. In 1987, they returned to the Black Hills and settled in Spearfish. She cherished her neighbors and the children on Cardinal Court.

With her kind heart for animals, Ree taught her children reverence for life. Through her example, she instilled in them the importance of national service, all four of her children going on to serve in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Peace Corps. A pioneering woman, she inspired her children to explore the world and take on new challenges.

Ree, 91, Spearfish, SD, died peacefully at the Fort Meade V.A. Medical Center hospice on June 27, 2012 following a brief illness.

Grateful for having shared her life are daughter Claire of Seward, NE, son Robert of Spearfish, twin daughters Nancy and Anne, grandchildren Hans and Elsa of Stavanger, Norway, special niece and nephews Barbara of Gillette, WY, John (wife Pat) of Spearfish, and Jim of Gardiner, MT, brother Neil of Santa Maria, CA, numerous nieces and nephews, and cherished cats Cletus, Floyd, and Emmy. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, sister Barbara, brothers Lane, Clair, William, and Harry, and by her parents.

Ree's family is profoundly grateful to the staff of the Hospice of the Northern Hills and the Ft. Meade V.A. Medical Center hospice for their kind, loving care.

Donations in her honor may be given to Western Hills Humane Society, 324 Industrial Drive, Spearfish, SD 57783.

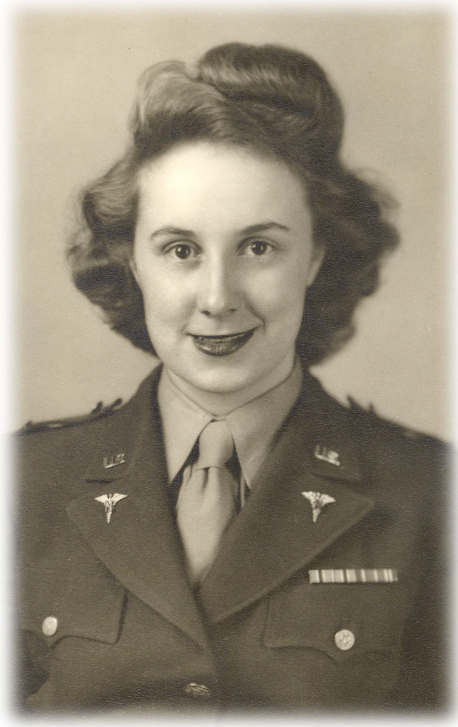
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

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***Born***

November 18, 1920  
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***Died***

June 27, 2012  
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***Memorial Service***

Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.  
Church of All Angels  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Rev. Julian Bunker Hill

***Musical Selections***

"Almighty Father Strong to Save"  
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
"Abide With Me"  
"Fairest Lord Jesus"  
"Faith of Our Fathers"

***Interment***

Friday, July 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O'Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved, as to love; for  
It is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying that we are born  
to Eternal Life.*

*-St. Francis of Assisi*

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