

Her heartbeat was my very first sound,
Her **KISS** my first affection,
Her *loving arms* brought security,
Her instruction, clear direction.
I owe the person I've become
to her *unselfish love*.
There's comfort knowing
she's not gone.
She lives with **GOD** above.

*Celebrating
a Life*

In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Dorothy E. Barnett

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014
United Methodist Church
Highmore, South Dakota

MINISTER: Pastor Kori Lehrkamp

CASKETBEARERS: Grandchildren
Mark Kirkpatrick - Steven Kirkpatrick
Douglas Kirkpatrick - Barb Knutson - Daniel Kirkpatrick
Shawn Stoley - Jill Beaudin

USHERS: Barry Alger & Mike McDonnell

GUESTBOOK: Nadine Day

ORGANIST: Katherine Porter

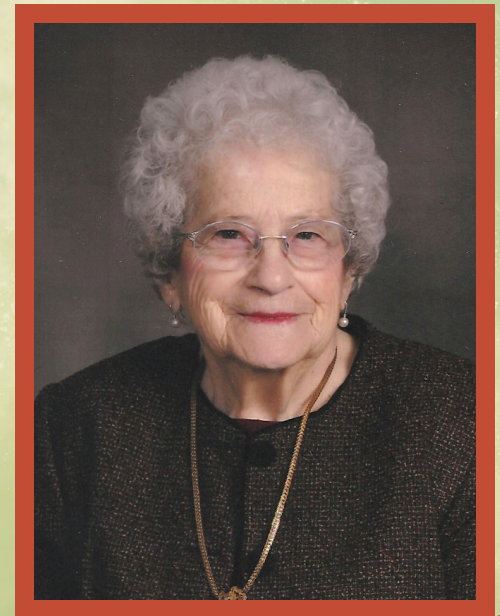
CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"The Old Rugged Cross" - "Borning Cry"
"On Eagle's Wings" - "Hymn of Promise"

INTERMENT:

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted To
Luze Funeral Home ~ Highmore, South Dakota
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**Dorothy Eloise
Barnett**

January 20, 1917 - February 5, 2014

Dorothy Barnett, 97, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Highmore, passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Bethany Lutheran Home, Sioux Falls.

Dorothy Eloise Rutherford was born January 20, 1917 to William and Lula B. (Nelson) Rutherford at her aunt Dorothy (Nelson) and John Parker's home in Kimball, South Dakota. Today the house has been converted to a funeral home. As a child, Dorothy lived on a farm in the Big Bend area with her parents and older brother, Parker. She attended Busy Bee Elementary School about ½ mile from home.

When Dorothy's parents were building a new home in Big Bend, they all slept in the barn. Dorothy's adopted cousin, DeeLillian (Aunt Dorothy's daughter) visited at this time and Dorothy remembered that one of the carpenters chewed her food for her. Yuck!!!

When the river was frozen over, the men would cut blocks of ice. They spent a good part of the year without the luxury of ice. Also, while the river was frozen, the family made a trip across the ice to get supplies at Our Nation. Dorothy remembers that as being a scary experience.

Christmas Eve after the kids were in bed, their dad would go to the river and cut down a tree. Christmas morning the kids would awaken to find a decorated Christmas tree. A gift that Dorothy found was a doll. Each Christmas after that her mom would take the doll to their neighbor's, Mrs. Curt Jacobs and the two of them would restring the doll and Lula would make a new dress for her.

William, Dorothy's dad, liked to play the piano and when relatives or friends came to visit, they gathered around to sing. When Dorothy was asked about playing the piano, she said that she took lots of lessons but guess she just wasn't a musician.

When Parker and Dorothy were about 10 or 12 years old, their Aunt Dorothy took them camping. At Pierre they put the car on the ferry to cross the river (there was no bridge). They slept on cots in a canvas tent and cooked over an open fire. When asking Dorothy if there were campgrounds, she thought there was because she remembered other people camping also. They had their pictures taken in the Badlands and toured the Wind Cave and Crystal Cave.

Parker attended high school in Pierre and on occasion would bring kids out to go snipe hunting. If you don't know what this is...just ask around and I'm sure someone would be willing to show you how it's done.

Dorothy attended school in Pierre also. She married Curtis Kirkpatrick and to this union one son, James William was born on January 21, 1937. Curtis and Dorothy were later divorced.

Dorothy and Jim moved to Highmore where Dorothy worked in her parent's café. Thomas "Bud" Alva Barnett came to the café and it was there that he met his future bride. He and Dorothy were married June 4, 1944. Sharon Kaye was born to this union on February 3, 1949.

In 1950, the family along with Dorothy's mother all moved to the farm northwest of Highmore. Lula owned the farm. There was no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. Jim rode his horse to school. During the winter of 1952, there was so much snow that the family was snowbound and food was airlifted to the farm. They spend about four years on the farm. Sometime during this time Jim moved to Pierre to live with his dad and family. Bud, Dorothy and Sharon rented a small house in Highmore. Lula moved to the house in Highmore in which she had lived before moving to the farm.

Lula was dying of cancer and could no longer live alone. The family moved in with her and Dorothy cared for her. Lula passed away in 1958. Bud worked at Art Thompson's tire shop but most of his working life was spent at Pioneer Garage in the parts department. He had seven bypass surgeries in 1985 and passed away from a heart attack on August 14, 1987. Dorothy continued to live in the home in which her parents and husband had all lived and died in. Her dad died in the bathroom in 1947 after returning from fighting a prairie fire. Her mother passed away in the west bedroom and Bud in the east bedroom.

In January 2001, Dorothy fell and broke her arm. She spent six days in McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls and several months with Richard and Sharon so she could recuperate. It was during this time that she decided maybe it was time to move closer to family.

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She began the huge task of going through over 50 years of accumulated belongings. A huge auction was held at the auditorium, which lasted six hours. Labor Day weekend, 2002 she moved to Sunnycrest Retirement Village in Sioux Falls. This was an independent living facility.

Throughout the years, Dorothy worked at difference eating establishments in Highmore. She and Bud owned and operated the Tastee Freez drive-in during the 1960's. Dorothy also worked for the school lunch program for several years.

Dorothy enjoyed feeding people. She was well known for the delicious raised donuts that many people enjoyed. Needlework, cross stitch and embroidery were some of her favorite pastimes. She made seven large scrapbooks that are very interesting. They include news articles, grocery ads, cartoons, pictures, human interest stories and much more. When asked about living through the dirty 1930's, she said "I took it as it was". She and Bud also got to dance to Lawrence Welk before he became famous.

Jim married Irene Fischer on October 17, 1958. To this union five children were born: Mark, Steve, Doug, Barb and Dan. Sharon married Richard Stoley on August 11, 1968. To this union two daughters were born: Shawn and Jill.

On December 9, 2011, Dorothy's family moved her to Bethany Lutheran Home in Sioux Falls.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her two children: Jim (Irene) Kirkpatrick of Dakota City, IA and Sharon (Richard) Stoley of Sioux Falls; seven grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bud; and one brother.