Louise Dorothy Hess, 79, of Spearfish, South Dakota, passed away surrounded by loved ones on July 2, 2026, at Edgewood Healthcare.

Louise was born on October 25, 1946, to Dorothy and Harry Langmaack in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. After graduating from Herman High School, she attended nursing school in Fergus Falls. In every place that she lived and worked, her passion for nursing showed in how she cared for those around her.

In 1969, Louise married Jerry Hess in Herman, MN, and became a stepmom to Dan. They were married for the next 55 years and went on to have three children: April, Greg, and Duane.

Louise was a dedicated Christian and mother, raising her children to honor God and accomplish great things. Her family always came first, and the hole left by her absence is impossible to fill.

Louise was preceded in death by her daughter, April; brother, Jeff; and husband, Jerry. She is survived by her siblings, Larry, Tony, and Ramona; her children, Dan (Suzanne), Greg (Melanie), and Duane (Gwen); and seven wonderful grandchildren.

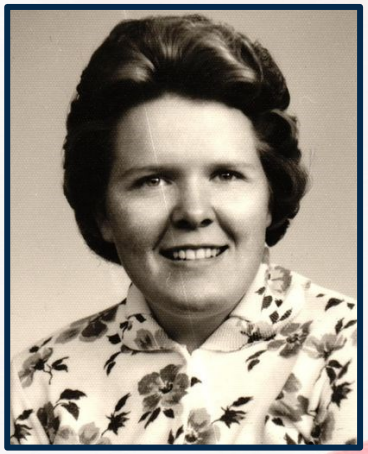
In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Samaritan's Purse International.



In Loving Memory

Louise Dorothy Hess

1946 ~ 2026



Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth and even forevermore.

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Fergus Falls, Minnesota

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Friday, October 30, 2026
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Pastor Pete Gradinaru

MUSICIANS
Pete Gradinaru — Kathy Gradinaru
Karen Massey — LaRae Huffman

MUSIC
“How Great Thou Art”
“Amazing Grace”

NURSING HONORS
West River Nurse Honor Guard

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Black Hills National Cemetery