

Dorothy Mae (Murphy) Meyer was born on December 10, 1933, in Elrod, SD, to Frank and Gertrude (Becking) Murphy. She was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic faith. The family moved to Waubay where Dorothy and her siblings attended country school. The family later settled on a farm northeast of Ortley, SD, and Dorothy attended school in Summit, graduating with the Class of 1951.

She attended Northern State University and began her career in education. She started teaching in rural schools before continuing her work in Corona, SD, and Browns Valley, MN. Her dedication to children and learning was evident throughout her life.

On July 21, 1962, Dorothy was united in marriage with Elmer Meyer. Following their marriage, the couple made their home on a farm near Wilmot, SD. They were blessed with six children. After Elmer's passing in 1975, Dorothy devoted herself to raising their children on her own with strength, determination, and a lot of faith.

In addition to caring for her family, Dorothy worked as an aide in the Wilmot Public School and served as a bookkeeper for the Wilmot Care Center. She also worked for Osterloh Oil in Wilmot. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wilmot, where she was actively involved in church activities, including teaching religious education for many years. Dorothy was also a member of the Legion Auxiliary.

Dorothy had a deep love for her family, especially her children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also had a special place in her heart for all children. Dorothy enjoyed reading and spent many years helping at the Wilmot Public Library, filling in whenever help was needed.

She will be remembered for her strong faith, her dedication to family, and her lifelong commitment to caring for others.

Dorothy is survived by her beloved children: Dan (Louise) Meyer of Wilmot, SD; Ann (Dave) Gapp of Twin Brooks, SD; Deb (David) Pauley of Sioux Falls, SD; Ed (Gayle) Meyer of Trent, SD; Lisa (Gary) Elsinger of Brookings, SD; and Sheila (Kevin) Schimmel of Webster, SD; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; sister, Maureen Rysso of Williamsburg, MI; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents: Frank and Gertrude; siblings: Sr. Patricia Murphy, Colette (Larry) Weyh, Robert (Lou) Murphy, and Francis (Marlene) Murphy; brother-in-law, Ron Rysso; and one great-grandchild, Joseph Getty.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dorothy Mae Meyer

WHO WAS BORN

December 10, 1933
Elrod, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

April 27, 2026
Wilmot, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wilmot, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Tom Hartman

CON-CELEBRANT

Father Thomas Fitzpatrick

MUSICIAN

Sandy Tucholke, Pianist

CANTOR

Kathy Jurgens

LECTOR

Diane Greiner

GIFT BEARERS

Alicia Oliver | Courtney Wheeler | Shannon Getty

ACTIVE BEARERS

Brad Oliver | Michael Gapp | Tyler Bonestroo
Justin Meyer | Matt Elsinger | Derrick Elsinger | Jared Schimmel

HONORARY BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Wilmot City Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Dorothy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the funeral service, please join the family for a time of refreshments and fellowship at the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Heaven is Our Home



When I die, bury me with a picture of my kids. Because the greatest thing I've ever done wasn't my career, my house, or the money I made. It was the sleepless nights I pushed through, the tiny hands I held... the laughter, the tears, and every hug that somehow made everything better. When I stand before God, I won't be showing Him what I owned. I'll show Him the love, the time, and the heart I poured into raising my kids.

Without a doubt, they are my greatest masterpiece.

Author Unknown

*Special thank you to the Wilmot Care Center
for taking such great care of our Mom.*

Please use this QR code to access
Dorothy's online guestbook.

