



***When I Come Home to Heaven***

*When I come home to Heaven  
How joyful it will be!  
For on that day at last  
My risen Lord I'll see.*

*No greater happiness than  
To see Him face to face,  
To see the love in His eyes  
And feel His warm embrace.*

*I've done nothing to deserve  
That perfect home above.  
It was given freely through  
The grace of Jesus' love.*

*Then why should earthly cares  
Weigh down upon me so?  
They'll be a distant memory  
When home at last I go.*

*- Beth Stuckwisch*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Franzella "Fran" Mae Kruse*

WHO WAS BORN  
November 13, 1921  
Wolsey, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME  
September 14, 2019  
Wilmot, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
Saturday, September 28, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
Wilmot, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS  
Pastor Sheila Pohl  
Alana Hansen

MUSICIANS  
Sharon Ammann, Organist  
First Presbyterian Church Women's Choir

CASKET BEARERS  
Brian Pearson | Jon West | K.C. Hildenbrand  
Tyler Hildenbrand | Keegan Bullis | Mike Davis

HONORARY BEARERS  
Stephanie Hildenbrand | Jamie Phillips | Kari Bullis  
Lacey West | Chloe Pearson | Rachel Kruse | Shannon Kruse

INTERMENT  
Wilmot City Cemetery  
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION  
Fran's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota

Fran was born in Wolsey, SD, on November 13, 1921, to parents Francis "Frank" and Johanna (Nieland) Thorpe. The family moved to Wilmot in 1927 where they lived on a farm in Garfield Township. She attended rural schools and graduated from Wilmot High School in 1939. She went on to marry the love of her life, Orville Kruse, on December 27, 1945, in Wilmot. They took over his father's farming operation in Springdale Township and continued to farm for 46 years before retiring and moving into Wilmot.

Fran graduated from Northern State College. She began her teaching career at Rural Summit Township School August 1940. She also taught at rural Lee and Garfield Township Schools prior to her employment at Wilmot Elementary School in 1966. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education in 1971. She enjoyed a 35-year teaching career, positively influencing young people in the Wilmot area!

Fran loved the Lord all her life and was very active in the church. Fran was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmot where she was involved in most every area of the church and church leadership. One of her pride and joys was to develop and post the church bulletin board until age 95.

Fran enjoyed her life in the Wilmot area and never wanted to move elsewhere. She loved family activities, traveling with her husband, and enjoying her grandchildren. The many activities at the Senior Citizens Center, school sporting events, and speckendicken suppers during the holiday season with friends were always the highlights of her life.

Left to treasure her memory are her three sons: Leon (Cindy) Kruse of Wilmot, SD; Alan (Betty) Kruse of Rock Island, IL; and Randy Kruse of McKinney, TX; seven granddaughters: Lacey (Jon) West of Carver, MN; Chloe (Brian) Pearson of Watertown, SD; Stephanie (K.C.) Hildenbrand of Lake Saint Louis, MO; Jamie (Chris) Phillips of Lenexa, KS; Kari (Keegan) Bullis of North Liberty, IA; Rachel Kruse of Overland Park, KS; and Shannon Kruse of Huntsville, AL; eleven great-grandchildren: Fredrick and Leo West; Madilyn Pearson, Tyler, Emma, and Claire Hildenbrand; Avery, Carson, Cooper, and Landon Phillips; and Broden Bullis; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins who she loved as her own.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, Orville on June 17, 2002; her parents; and three brothers and two sisters: Chester, Wesley, Elroy, Velma, and Marcella.

The family wishes to thank Fran's many beloved relatives, friends, and church members who supported and cared for her during her life. The family would also like to thank Fran's caregivers at the Wilmot Care Center for their patience and kindness in caring for their mother/grandmother.

