



# Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

415 S. Crow St., Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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## Doing the holidays – your way

Despite the message sent by the entertaining but possibly slightly unrealistic Christmas movies, this is not a happy time of year for everyone. While the events of the last two years haven't helped, the holidays have always been difficult for those who have experienced a significant loss, i.e., death, divorce, illness or job change. In addition, those struggling with depression and anxiety search for a foothold that will allow them to put on a happy face for those around them.

If Christmas is hard,  
If you've lost someone dear.  
Just look in your heart,  
And you'll know they're still here.

The star in the sky,  
The light falling snow.  
The robin outside,  
It seems like they know.

If this is a time,  
When you're struggling through.  
Just do what you can,  
For what matters, is you.

There's no need to be merry,  
There's no need to bright.  
Just do what you can,  
It will all be alright.

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The hustle and bustle, the deadlines and expectations may be overwhelming.

If it feels right to keep things low key this year, then do so. No apologies needed. It doesn't mean it will feel this way forever but it may take some of the pressure of this season off your shoulders.

New traditions may be healing – looking through scrapbooks and photo albums and sharing wonderful, funny stories may bring everyone closer together. It may be a mixture of laughter and tears but that's ok – honest emotion is cleansing and gives everyone permission to say or do what they need to make things better.

The best gift you can give is to be sensitive and supportive.

The Tree of Lights is up at the thrift store and filling quickly with brightly colored ornaments. The white tags on the tree in honor and memory of your loved ones is a testimony to the fact that they are with us forever – defining our past and shaping our future.

Thank you for your support.

You have kept the doors open and made it easy for cancer patients to receive travel funds and have a warm comfortable place to stay. Patients with memory issues have received a comprehensive evaluation and their family members have been provided with support and information to make plans for today and tomorrow. Hospice patients and their families have received additional services. There is homemade food in the freezer and hand quilted blankets on the beds.

Our mission has become your mission....

In September it was the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary for Countryside – for the second year a party was out of the question and a virtual party just didn't seem to do it justice so we decided to wait until September of 2022. Something positive to look forward to - think cake and ice cream, balloons and music – we will celebrate 42 years of Countryside, 27 years for the thrift store and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of St Benedict's – we hope it will be without masks and everyone will be telling stories of family visits and vacations. The things in the past that we have taken for granted will be joyous – more gratitude and appreciation – more resilience.

This is what will keep us going.



(Left to right: Christina Bennett, Holly Hoing, Laurie Allison, Larry Dean, Marc Hoelscher)

Employees of the SD Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Association came together to raise funds for **Pennies for Robert** with their **No Shave November** challenge. At the end of the month the coveted “Stache - Master” award went to Marc Hoelscher for his fund raising efforts, followed closely by Larry Dean and Christina Bennett. While the focus was on beards and mustaches, the group got a little competitive and a lot creative with other events including a Christmas cookie sale, a \$5 soup lunch complete with violin music, a chance to win an instant pot and a 50/50 raffle.

Together they raised \$3,506 for Pennies for Robert and they had fun. We were blown away by the donation. Thank you to all who participated.

### Community Programs

#### **Breast Cancer Survivors Support Group**

**Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon - Countryside conference room 415 S. Crow**

For all breast cancer survivors - we have participants that are just beginning their treatment plan and others who are 16 years post diagnosis. At each meeting we get updates from the members present and email updates from those not able to attend, there are discussion topics, guest speakers and almost always chocolate. For information call 945-0827.

#### **Memory Connection - (Dementia Care Partners Support Group)**

**Pierre – Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 6pm - Countryside conference room 415 S. Crow**

A confidential group for anyone who has a loved one with dementia including the primary caregiver, family members and friends. This group provides support, education and resource information. For more information call 945-0827.

#### **Gettysburg – Gettysburg support group will not meet in January or February.**

Weather permitting we will return for memory screens and support group in March at Grace Bible Church, 310 S. Broadway. For more information or to schedule a memory screen in Gettysburg call 945-0827.

#### **Parkinson’s Support Group**

**Wednesday, January 12 at noon – Countryside conference room – 415 S. Crow**

Co facilitated by Avera Therapy Services & Countryside staff

Newly formed support group for patients with Parkinson’s. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to be included in the mailing/email list please call 945-0827 and leave your name and contact information.

Also, if you are a caregiver or partner of someone with Parkinson’s and would like to attend a support group, please give us a call at 945-0827 with your contact information – phone number and email if possible.

Thrift Store...

Shopping: Tuesday – Friday 10am – 5pm Saturday 10 am – 3pm  
Donations: Monday – Saturday 8:30am – 3:30pm Sunday 11:30am -2:30 pm

Holiday Shopping ...

Christmas items are available including clothing, linens, tins for cookies, gift bags and cards, wrapping paper, ribbon and decorations. Basically there are Santas and glitter everywhere! Thank you for thinking of us as you take down and sort your holiday decorations, your donations are much appreciated as we get ready for next year!

Winter is coming...

It is a pretty good guess that we have a couple of months of colder, darker days ahead. To keep busy during this time stop in at the thrift store to see our wonderful assortment of puzzles, board games, sewing and craft supplies. We also have a large selection of magazines, paperback and hardcover books including novels, children’s books, cookbooks and more. New items are added to all departments throughout the day. Check out our Facebook page daily for specials.

Looking for a gift? We have new and almost new items in every department including jewelry, clothing and purses. If you aren’t sure what to buy, a gift certificate will guarantee a fun shopping experience.

Thank you for understanding our need to continue to mask and limit the number of shoppers in the store.



Thank you to Disability Rights South Dakota (DRSD) staff for their Christmas gift of \$400.  
  
A message from their website:  
Disability Rights South Dakota is the non-profit legal services agency dedicated to protecting and advocating for rights and inclusion of South Dakotans with disabilities.  
  
Pictured: Tim Neyhart, Executive Director DRSD and Holly Hoing, Countryside Hospice

*Thank you to:*

- BB Publishing-Don & Kate Boyd for donating advertising throughout the year.*
- Sharon Erlenbusch and an anonymous donor for coffee, food and kitchen supplies for St. Benedict’s Guest House.*
- Robyn Hoing for donating the spiffy blue Keurig to St. Benedict’s Guest House.*
- An anonymous donor for the electric recliner for St. Benedict’s Guest House.*
- Verna Spoonemore for adding up thousands of Dakotamart receipts!*
- Donna Gohl, Linda Jirsa, Kathy Kinsella, Janet Morse, Kathy Simon, Verna Spoonemore, Donna Stanton and Jerre Willis for helping with newsletter mailings all year.*
- The Corner Station for donating gas certificates throughout the year for cancer travel.*
- Ron Schreiner for trimming trees at St. Benedict’s.*
- Vona Johnson for sharing her journey with the Breast Cancer Support Group.*
- Thank you to Pat Prince for helping “the ladies” decorate the pink tree at the Capitol.*

In honor of  
my Job Service Friends  
by  
Nancy Stenson

In honor of special  
friends  
Gretchen, Ruth,  
Mary & Glenda  
by Margaret Ellefson

In honor of  
Claire Peschong  
by  
Jon & Carol Garry

In honor of  
Jori Glodt  
by  
Patti Petersen

## Memorials...

Carol Fiala  
by  
Gary, Debbie & David Fiala

John & Anne Woods  
Tom Woods  
Burton & Anna Warne  
Jack Fifield  
by  
Maynard & Mary Greenfield

Al Ebach  
Jack Ellenbecker  
Elliot Harmon  
Jean Rounds  
Tony Wegner  
by  
Jill & John Wellhouse

Ruth Leidholt  
by  
Mike & Betty Leidholt  
Family & Friends  
Eugene & Christine Tetzlaff  
Lynell Asher  
Dale & Donna Gohl  
Bonnie Rus

Lois Schmidt  
by  
Wayne & Audrey Nelson

Karen Wooley  
by  
Kristin & Bob Townsend  
Family & Friends  
Sandra Kangas  
Gary & Peggy Clark  
Pearl Stone  
Jim & Laura Ellenbecker  
Marty Finley & Benita Donovan  
Dale & Joyce Tipton  
Joann Cummings  
Betsy & Jim Pollock  
Keith & Patti Jennings  
Mork & Robin Norman  
Bill & Tina Van Camp  
Fee & Jerry Jacobson  
Larry & Cherlyn Christiansen  
Beverly Badger  
Joan Likness  
Lori & John Simpson  
Deb Wagner  
Phyllis Petersen

Bernice Ellsworth  
by  
Joyce & Pal Jessop

Frank Farrar  
Jean Rounds  
by  
Mike & Jean Denton

Kurtis Matzen  
Phyllis Hoisington  
by  
Deanna Sutton

Jean Rounds  
by  
Orv & Mary Jo Gran  
Dave & Trish Kenyon  
"Harney" & Ruth Hohrman  
Brad & Lori Clark

Susan & Marina Taylor  
Bud & Audrey Knutson  
Clif & Norma Taylor  
by  
Steve & Barb Taylor

Paul Weeldreyer  
by  
Patricia Weeldreyer

Darlene Carter  
Jack Ellenbecker  
Elliot Harmon  
Bekah Jastorff  
Bill Benesh  
Dave Gerdes  
Jean Rounds  
Ruth Leidholt  
Frank Farrar  
by  
Joel & Carol Gengler

Jean Rounds  
Grady Kickul  
Frank Farrar  
by  
Anita Baker

Vernon Bump  
Andy Deis  
by  
Craig & Dorothy Smith

Shirley Hatch  
by  
John Hatch

Stan Stenson  
Kay Swenson  
Hwy 14-34 Relatives & Friends  
Job Service Friends  
Dan & Joan Ramsey  
by  
Nancy Stenson

Sister Evelyn Sehn  
Arlis Kreutzfeldt  
by  
Chuck & Bonny Schroyer  
Mearl & Arlie Stolley  
by  
Kenneth Stolley

Rev. Edward Crowson  
Rev. Barbara Crowson  
by  
Tom & Anne Plooster

Nota Berg  
by  
Barbara Anderson

Verly & Louise Wosepka  
by  
Jim & Nora Wosepka

C.P. Bangert  
Loretta Bangert  
by  
Dave & Marlene Werner

Jack Ellenbecker  
Albert Ebach  
Harold Blumhardt  
Carol Jones  
Warren "Tiny" Sporer  
Bruce Neuharth  
Greg Vogel  
by  
Paul & Dawn Marso

Rose Gefre  
Al Gefre  
Alice Gebur  
by  
Hal & Marie Rumpca

## Memorials...

Mearl & Gertie Hullinger  
Harold & Mary Kaiser  
Allen & Maxine Feddersen  
Cliff & Viola Shroyer  
Dan Shroyer  
by  
Cleo Shroyer

Vern Bump  
Jean Rounds  
Charles Gustafson  
Andy Schultz  
Adam Schultz  
by  
Brad & Laurie Schultz

Darwin Heyd  
Kim Heyd  
Kirk Barth  
by  
Carmen Heyd

Bert Hunsley  
Eleanor Hunsley  
Leonard Hunsley  
Jeff Hunsley  
Scott Hunsley  
Don Hunsley  
Nancy Hunsley  
by  
Lilla May Hunsley

Katie Tipton  
by  
Delton & Vicky Tipton

Aunt Charlotte Molander  
Aunt Jeanette Kilber  
Terry Dryden  
Vern Bump  
Phil Meyers  
by  
Norm & Jo Weaver

Joe & Catherine Cholik  
Kevin Cholik  
Veryl Huisman  
Pat & Jack Lehecka  
by  
Darin & Clare Charlson

Duane Rupkalvis  
by  
Dale & Donna Gohl  
Charles Kirkpatrick

Harold & Margaret Rankin  
Greg Rankin  
Karla Abernathy  
Oris & Dorothy Authier  
Shawn Authier  
Nancy Gunner  
by  
Karen Authier

Ben Gienger  
Marie McIntire  
Carol McIntire  
by  
Sharon Gienger

Melvin Fratzke  
Phyllis Fratzke  
by  
Lynda Fratzke  
Kathi Anderson  
Robert Fratzke

Dennis & Shirley Eisanach  
Daisy & LeRoy Mernaugh  
Paul Herman, Sr.  
Jack Ellenbecker  
Jerry Hawkins  
Myron Kusler  
by  
Jerry & Sharon Klocker

Jim & Vi Garry  
Roe & Blanche Granger  
by  
Jon & Carol Garry

Andy Deis  
by  
Olivia Johnson

Vernon Bump  
by  
Leona Buhler

Frank Farrar  
by  
Steve & Amy Hughes

David Gerdes  
Bruce Neuharth  
Andy Deis  
by  
Ruth Schmidt

Don Saylor  
Justin Saylor  
Larry Lenling  
Myron Lenling  
Gary Lenling  
by  
Ardell Saylor

Helen Palmer  
by  
The LeRoy Kropuenske Family

Glen Garrett  
Red & Mazen Hinsey  
Geoff & Edith Garrett  
by  
Betty Garrett

Clarice Shepherd  
by  
Dave & Trish Kenyon  
Dave & Elaine Konechne

Stephanie Miller-Davis  
Walter 'K' Briggs  
Jim Palmer  
Governor Bill Janklow  
by  
Harvey & Andrea Sheehan

Beverly Turkey Creek  
by  
Shirley & Mark Schultz  
Bev's Family & Friends

Marlene McMath  
by  
Gary & Genny McMath

Mike Fahey  
Gail Barlow  
by  
Deb Fahey

Joe Cholik  
Catherine Cholik  
Kevin Cholik  
Elsie Haddock  
by  
Rob & Sheila Haddock

Lyle Perry  
Clyde & Elaine Jundt  
by  
Marge Perry

## Memorials...

Dave Gerdes

by  
Abbie Rathbun

Phil & Bernie Meyers

Harold Campbell

by  
Lynell Asher

Phil Meyers

Jean Rounds

by  
Ruth & Mark Smith

Clarice Shepherd

Jean Rounds

Dolores Anderson

Terry Dryden

Andy Deis

Tom, Irene, Colleen & Kathy Fennell

Bob Shepherd

Father Dale Kutil

by  
Ray & Mo Shepherd

Burt Jones

by  
Betty Jones

Dave Powers

Kay Powers

Walter PJ Quigley

Rosemary Quigley

Phil Norman

Maxine Norman

by  
Charles W. Draper

Phyllis Fratzke

Carol Jones

Dana Petersen

Myrtle Jackson

Janice Smith

Vern Dockter

by  
Frank & Carol Newcomb

Milo & Pat Hoenscheid

Maurice & Kay Hughes

Kim Hughes

Kristi Magee

Colin Hufford

by  
Kara & Todd Hughes

Dayton & Olive Canaday

by  
Dennis & Sidney Gran

Jean Rounds

Mike Volek

by  
Roger & Marla Fuller

Ed & Evelyn Riehle

Richard "Dick" Allison

by  
John & Laurie Allison

Glen Ramser

Roy Ramser

by  
Tom & Roxy Osborn

Clarence Frerichs

by  
Russ Frerichs

Maudie & Jim Harding

Ruth & Tony Hoing

Maynard Hoing

Leila Geisler

Jim Russell

Al Ebach

Jack Ellenbecker

Ray Rathbun

Dennis & Shirley Eisnach

Patsy Kringel

Jerry Hawkins

by  
Holly & Pat Hoing

Pete Petersen

Bob Marso

Orgene & Frieda Petersen

Bob Bode

JD Weischedel

Lindy Patrick

Tyler Wilcox

Carrie Mikkonen

Jan Carlbom

Lois Schmidt

Vern Armstrong

Jeff Curry

Bud Whitney

James Fargen

Terry Howard

Ione Deal

by  
Patti Petersen

## *In Loving Memory of ...*

*In loving memory of*

**Steve Russell**

*Thinking of you at  
Christmastime...*

*Love you,  
Sondra*

**Thomas Corcoran, Jr.**

*Six years have gone by & we all still miss the Jokester  
"Tommy." Especially all the traditions during the holidays.  
P.S. Keep an eye on Andy. Missing you!!  
Carmen & Josh/Mark, Lesty, Charles & Anna/Mark, Carleen,  
Kyle & Kourtney/Jack, Colette, Jacob & Colbs/Terry*

*In memory of*

*our sister & aunt,*

**Mary Jane Morin**

*who passed away on  
Christmas Day, 2019  
Brenda & Kimberly Morin*

*Remembering my mom,*

**Connie Hull**

*during her favorite  
time of year.*

*Maxine Kinsella*

**Memoria in Aeterna**

*(In everlasting remembrance)*

*of*

**Charlotte Conway**

*Peace & Love*

*Joan, Lynne,*

*Michael & Perry Trautner*

*In memory of our folks,*

**Ben & Doris Crandell**

**Neil & Helen Rittel**

*Long-time friends,  
together again.*

*Keith & Donna Crandell*

***In Loving Memory of ...***

**Marcia Burrows**  
*John  
Janet – Deb – Susan -  
Dawn*

*In memory of  
our father,  
**Don Rollie**  
by  
The Rollie Family*

**Carol Fiala**  
  
*We miss you -  
Mark & Deb Wixon*

**Linda Obermeier**  
*We miss you pretty girl!  
Pete, Tammy, Aimee,  
Joey, Amanda, Sawyer,  
Axton & Jermey*

**Marie Lamm**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Ralph Dirksen  
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

**Darlene Treib**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Ralph Dirksen  
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

**Orma E. McInnis**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Kathy & Joe Gittings  
Ralph Dirksen*

**John McInnis**  
*Joe & Kathy Gittings  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
Ralph Dirksen*

**Glenn Marrington**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Ralph Dirksen  
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

**Leila (Nana) Geisler**  
*We miss your laughter & hugs. Thanks for the memories.  
Rik & Cindy Drewes, Kelli DeCosse & Greg Cleland,  
Tom & Chelsie Martin, Joseph & Liza Martin,  
Brooke & Brian Dozark, Meghan Hall,  
Alison & Dave Haas*

**Patrick McInnis**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
Susan & Bob Marrington  
Kathy & Joe Gittings  
Ralph Dirksen*

*Life is short but sweet  
for certain  
**Chad Levi Downs**  
We miss & love you  
every minute of  
every day.  
Sonia  
Mom & Dad  
Jason & Lacey  
Kenzie, Joey & Paisley Jo  
Tane & Caitlyn*

**Tom Schmitz & Don Garrity**  
*Memories of both of you are carried  
in our hearts and minds every day.  
Dodie Garrity,  
Dawn Stover & Kelly Tibbs*

*In loving memory of  
my husband,  
**Tom Clack**  
on his birthday December 2  
by Sigrid Clack*

*In memory of  
**Daryl D. Johnson**  
my loving husband,  
Merry Christmas  
Barbara Johnson*

*In memory of **Kay Swenson**  
You loved angels and now you are a Heavenly Angel and  
still a member of a group of friends who have loved and  
supported each other 30 plus years and counting.  
Kay, you left us too soon but are in our hearts forever.  
Love, Your Friends Forever*

*In loving memory of  
a great sister,  
**Faye Vevig**  
on her Christmas Day  
birthday.  
Love you and still miss you.  
Delores Volmer*

*In memory of  
**Daryl D. Johnson**  
my loving husband,  
Merry Christmas  
Barbara Johnson*

*In loving memory of my dad, **Craig Thompson**, whose  
birthday was Christmas Day (12-25-1906),  
my mom, **Geneva Thompson**, who loved Christmas,  
and all those who have died due to the Covid pandemic.  
M.C. & Mary Jean Lomheim*

*Dad,  
**Shorty Timp**  
I miss you & think  
of you every day.  
I miss our hunting &  
fishing.  
Thank you for being  
such a great dad to me.  
Love,  
Your son,  
Brian*

**Raymond Hinsey**  
**Mazen Hinsey**  
**Glen Garrett**  
**Sharla Garrett**  
by Sharon Menzel

*In memory of  
**Emil & Peggy Koth**  
whose birthdays were December 28<sup>th</sup> & November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
We miss them so much at this time of year.  
George & Janice Wang*

*In loving memory of  
my parents, my sisters,  
my brothers  
and  
**Tom Corcoran**  
on the anniversary of his  
death 12-11-15.  
Love you forever,  
Corcoran Family*

*In loving memory of our parents,  
**Marianne & Jacob H. Burg**  
at Christmastime.  
Love from your children:  
Bob, Pat, Barbara, Glenna and families*

**Jim, Harriet & Ronny**  
*I love you & miss you.  
Love,  
Kim*

**Bobby Iversen**  
*My favorite cowboy...I'll miss you & always love you.  
You will live in my heart for ever & ever.  
Love you, Kim*

**Bobby Iversen**  
*Ride High Cowboy Bob  
We miss you & we love you.  
Kacee & Shelly*

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**We Care Program:** Countryside participates in the We Care program sponsored by Lynn's Dakotamart. For every \$10,000 in grocery receipts that we collect, Lynn's donates \$100 to Countryside. The receipts add up quickly and can include groceries, alcohol, prescriptions, hunting and fishing equipment, clothing and anything else you can find in the store - at any of their locations. Receipts can be dropped off at the Countryside office or the thrift store.

### Tree of Lights 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



**FOR:**  As needed  Pennies for Robert – Travel funds for cancer patients  
 St. Benedict's Guest House – Lodging for cancer patients  Avera@Home Hospice – Hospice care  
 Memory Center  Membership

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

*This newsletter contains donations processed through December 9. The approximate cutoff date for the January newsletter will be January 6.*