



# Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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

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In 1983 when we did the first Tree of Lights it was an effort to honor the memory of hospice patients, share information about Countryside and hopefully do a little fund raising. We were a small, new program with a lot of passion for the mission but no guaranteed income. Each month felt like a giant leap of faith as we moved forward, serving patients, gaining volunteers and doing every fund raiser known to man.

It felt like the right thing to do and with your help we pushed on.

That November we decided we would put up a Christmas tree and for each donation received during the holidays we would add a new light – Keith Crandell graciously offered the window at the Shoe Tree – we put up a modestly sized tree, Sarah turned on the first light for her dad Kris and we were off. Each day we would add lights to the tree – this was 1983 so we are talking large, screw in, too hot to handle lights – soon the tree was covered and we started around the window, and then expanded to the second window – and the sleepless nights started as we dreamed of burning down Main Street. All for a good cause.

Fortunately, Christmas lights have evolved and the fire hazard concerns have faded. We now add an ornament for each donation along with the name of the donor or their loved one. Each year there are new names mixed in with the familiar ones from the past – a tree covered with your memories. A reflection of your generosity.

This year the tree is at the thrift store – just inside the door. It is a little sacred space amid all the chaos of the season, a quiet reminder of what is important this time of year.

Hopefully, over the next few weeks as you stroll the halls of the Capitol to view the brightly decorated trees you will take a moment to read the plaques on each one – you may be struck by how many programs are doing good things for the community – Governor's Grocery Program, PARS Holiday Feast Fund, Suicide Prevention and Awareness, Avera @ Home Hospice, the Cancer Care fund in Philip, just to name a few. Examples of people recognizing a need and moving forward to make a difference.

The Christmas spirit in action – thank you for making all of this possible.

(PS - there is one tree dedicated to the memory of a special young man – stop and read about Hunter – it is a love story.)

## 2024 Community programs

(During winter months call the office for weather related cancellations 945-0827)

**Memory Connection** – (Dementia Care Partners Support Group – for family members)

Thursday, January 18 – 6pm – Countryside Community Room

The format is informal and includes group discussion, educational information and the opportunity to ask questions and brainstorm the challenges of living with dementia. If you have any questions about Memory Connection call 945-0827.

**Parkinson's/Stroke Support Group**

Wednesday, January 3 – noon to 1 pm – Countryside Community Room (note date change to first Wednesday)

Support group for patients dealing with Parkinson's and post stroke recovery and their caregivers.

**Breast Cancer Survivors**

Thursday, January 18 – noon to 1 pm – Countryside Community Room

Support/educational group for breast cancer survivors. This group is open to new members at any time.

**OMA (Opening Minds Through Art) – Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30 am**

OMA is a *free* program that provides an opportunity for socialization and the creative process for those with moderate to severe memory loss. For more information about participating or becoming a volunteer call Cindy 945-0827

We have OMA greeting cards for sale at the office 415 S. Crow. Cards are 4x6 and feature original artwork by Countryside OMA artists. Cards are \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10.

OMA has a wish list for art supplies on Amazon -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MNXF BXMI ESIE?ref =wl fv le>



Thank you Bankwest  
for decorating the  
beautiful tree in  
honor of Countryside.

What a nice Christmas  
surprise!



The Pink and White Tree ...

For almost 20 years the Breast Cancer Survivors group has decorated a tree either at the Capitol or a downtown business. This group has walked the cancer journey from diagnosis through treatment and recovery. They stand ready to offer support and encouragement to anyone who has breast cancer, realizing that while the treatment plans have changed over the years the emotional impact has not. For the past couple of years there has been a young man in the midst of the ladies helping reach the very top of the tree, wrapping lights and honoring the memory of his mom whom we all miss.

## Memorials...

Lyle Perry  
by  
Marge Perry

John Woods  
Anne Woods  
Chuck Woods  
Tom Woods  
Connie Woods  
Burton & Anna Warne  
Jack Fifold  
by  
Maynard & Mary Greenfield

Elinor Sorenson  
by  
Elinor's Family & Friends  
David & Deborah Gilbertson  
Tracy Laqua  
Kimerly Montour  
Bonnie Rus  
Sue & Jack Kuhl  
Gilbert & Idella Hart

Craig Smith  
by  
Dorothy Smith  
Family & Friends  
The Wilkinson Family  
Karen Lindbloom  
Lari & Linda Ott

Bob Ten Eyck  
Craig Smith  
Jill Wellhouse  
Chuck Ellis  
by  
Norm & Joann Weaver

Craig Smith  
Bert Taylor  
Bill Kelly  
Jennifer Seale  
Irene LaFurge  
by  
Frank & Carol Newcomb

Connie Woods  
Gary Heintz  
Jill Wellhouse  
Craig Smith  
by  
Larry & Louween Schoenhard

Bill Kelly  
by  
Todd Wilkinson

Elinor Sorenson  
Neil Schochenmaier  
by  
Janice Deis

Colleen A. Weiss  
LaVonne M. Gibson  
by  
Larry Weiss

Steve Likness  
Larry Gramkow  
Scotty Hannum  
by  
Larry & Judy Kirkpatrick

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by  
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Trish Kenyon  
Dave & Elaine Konechne  
Jackie Marso

Don Anderson  
Maggie Oliva  
Beth Flagstad  
Wayne Anderson  
Myron Kusler  
Dr. Richard Schoessler  
Conrad Otterness

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Evalin Wall  
Onie Neuharth  
Sheila Bonrud  
Jim Stein  
Abbie Rathbun  
Leona Buhler  
Ron & Priscilla Schmidt  
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Loren Shantz  
Rev. Fred Rosin  
Rita Olson  
Robert Ten Eyck  
Jill Wellhouse  
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Anne Anderson

Joyce Tidball  
Craig Smith  
Hank Kosters  
DeJuan Strickland  
by  
Seb & Carol Axtman

Jill Wellhouse  
Duane Butt  
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Bob & Shirlee Miller

Jill Wellhouse  
Carol Jenner  
by  
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Simon Carroll  
Robert "Bob" Cromwell  
Charles Ellis  
Alice Getty  
Larry Gramkow  
Lloyd Kannegieter  
Steve Likness  
Pat Mitchell  
Rita Olson  
Robert Schwellenbach  
Craig Smith  
Robert Ten Eyck  
Bob Travis  
Arlene Truax  
Jill Wellhouse  
by  
Thad & Caroline Uecker

Ralph Hiller  
Genevieve Hiller  
Ethel Maskovich  
Marvin Hiller  
Chet Hiller  
Karen Hiller  
by  
Roy & Charlotte Hiller

Herbert Auch  
Kathryn Auch  
Bob Auch  
Mary Hiller  
by  
Charlotte & Roy Hiller

## Memorials...

Lowell King  
by  
Eldon & Betty Lindquist  
Kathy Wells

Sheryl Schwahn  
Bill Kelly  
by  
Leonard & Janice Deal

Steve Russell  
by  
Sondra Russell

Mearl & Arlie Stolley  
by  
Kenny Stolley

Evelyn Charlson  
Joe & Catherine Cholik  
Kevin Cholik  
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Darin & Clare Charlson

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by  
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Karen Hasek

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by  
J.R. Fishburne

Bill Grajkowske  
Fae Grajkowske  
Malcolm McEntaffer  
Pauline McEntaffer  
by  
Sharon & Richard McEntaffer

Kermith & Florence Edge  
Craig Smith  
Duane Butt  
All my friends  
by

Connie Carlisle

Lowell King  
Don Goosen  
Chuck Libby  
Mary Jean Lomheim  
Duane Butt  
by  
Scott & Brenda Currier

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Olive Canaday  
by  
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Bob Travis

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Jill Wellhouse  
by  
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by  
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Pete Ramser  
by  
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by  
Veona Prince  
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by  
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by  
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Gordon Mydland  
by  
Kiran Emler

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Catherine Cholik  
Kevin Cholik  
Elsie Haddock  
Len Sheppard  
by  
Rob & Sheila Haddock

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by  
Meredith & Duane Heermann

Shane Cronin  
Danny Bergeson  
Mel Cunningham  
Gordon Anderson  
Steve Likness  
by  
Janice Bergeson

## Memorials...

Arlis Kreuzfeldt  
Sister Evelyn Sehn  
by  
Bonny & Chuck Schroyer

Mel Cunningham  
Betty Winkler  
by  
Fred & Anita Marso

Helen Palmer  
by  
The Kropuenske Family

Jerry Hosman  
by  
Gloria Hosman

Darwin Heyd  
Kim Heyd  
by  
Carmen Heyd

Kermith Edge  
Florence Edge  
Daryl Gray  
Lila Ludwig  
by  
Sharon Stone

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"Pal" Jessop  
by  
Bev Badger

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Ron & Priscilla Schmidt  
John Guhin  
Gerald Herrin  
Jerry Jacobsen  
by  
Juanita McKeever

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Jo LaRoche  
by  
Jim & Nora Wosepka

Marie & Harvey Keith  
Art & Verna Keith  
by  
Dennis Keith

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by  
Steve & Karen Van Mullem

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Craig Smith  
by  
Karen Peterson

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Janada Ramser

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by  
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by  
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Delcie Schofield-Hall

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Gordon Anderson  
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Nathan Russell & Family  
Stephanie Plunk & Family  
Dave & Mary Schweigert

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Rosalie Houk  
Gaylord Sonnenschein  
by  
Shavonne Mitchell

Robert Schwellenbach  
Craig Smith  
Jill Wellhouse  
Lowell King  
Ron Merriman  
Velma Becker  
by  
Dale & Joyce Tipton

Dort Scott  
Harry Scott  
Austin Scott  
by  
Tammy Scott, Tyson & Tyler

Donald Lammon  
Netta Lammon  
by  
Norm & Sharmon Kallio

Fayne & Ed Weant  
Gaylord Sonnenschein  
Frank & Muriel Kirley  
Joseph Kirley  
Phyllis Kirley  
by  
Dinah G. Davis



*In loving memory of our family  
My husband and father of my children,  
**Jerry Hawkins**  
My son, **Mike Hawkins**  
My sister & brother in law, **Abbie & Ray Rathbun**  
**Merl Hawkins**  
**Jack Soesbe**  
**Terry Soesbe**  
We love you and miss you every day!!  
Sheryl, Kim, Risë, Amy, Nikki & Sarah*



**In Honor of:**  
*Alice Gebur* by Hal & Marie Rumpca  
*Countryside Staff* by Kathy Gerdes  
*Kayleen Fulton and Mary Kay Carter* by Sheryl Hawkins  
*Leah Kirley* by Dinah G. Davis  
*Denise Cheek, Gerry Cass, Elaine Scott, Dorinda & David Timmons and  
the Staff & Volunteers of the Countryside Office and Thrift Store* by Jerre Willis

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

**Harold Obenauer**  
*on his December  
birthday  
by  
Elda Obenauer*

*In memory of*  
**Mom & Dad Robertson**  
*My husband, Frank Candee*  
**Fred & Linda Johnson**  
**Bill Nielsen**  
**All the others who have gone before me**  
*Gwen Candee*

In memory of  
**Wanda Greving**  
*by  
James Greving*

**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**  
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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*

*Happy Birthday*  
**Sonny**  
*on your  
Christmas Eve birthday.  
You were truly a gift  
from God.*  
  
*Loving you always,  
Charlene*

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

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

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

*In memory of our  
mother,*  
**Evelyn Riehle**  
*by  
Sharon Taft  
Morris Riehle  
Laurie Allison*

*In loving memory of*  
**Lanny Blake**  
*Sheryl Blake*  
*Tony & Mackenzie Blake, Landry, Lily & Londyn  
Therese & Dustin Schutz, Adeline & Colton*

*In memory of*  
**Brad McGee**  
*on his heavenly birthday  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Miss you so much –  
Mom & Dad*

*In memory of  
our grandson,*  
**Dalton Williams**  
*Merry Christmas,  
Dalton.*  
*We miss you so much!*  
*Love,  
Grandma Jody  
Grandpa Cody*

*In loving memory of*  
**Pat Mitchell & Austin Scott**  
*who will be in our hearts as we celebrate  
Christmas this year. We love & miss you.*  
*Shavonne Mitchell*  
*Matthew & Mandy Mitchell*  
*Brittani & Shawn Hussey*  
*Mark Mitchell*  
*Sid, Jaxon, Joey, Tayson, Madyson, Braxtyn,  
Hadley, Brecklyn*

*In memory of*  
**Dalton Williams**  
*Merry Christmas in  
Heaven, Dalton.  
Forever missed but  
never forgotten.*  
*Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Cole, Shyanne, Kenya &  
Taya*

*In loving memory of  
my husband,*  
**Tom Clack**  
*on his birthday  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by  
Sigrid Clack*

*In loving memory of*  
**Vickie (Varilek) Maskovich**  
*Merry Christmas in Heaven!*  
*You're missed by all.*  
*Mike, Brad, Stephanie & Jerid*  
*13 Grandchildren/great grandchildren*

*Always missed and  
forever loved...*  
**Tom Schmitz**  
**Don Garrity**  
*Dodie Garrity  
Dawn Stover  
Kelly Tibbs*

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