



Mary Gorrell

September 17, 1932 - September 13, 2022

Mary Gorrell, 89, passed away on September 13, 2022, at her Centerville home, under hospice care.

Mary Ellen Hirmer was born on September 17, 1932, at Marshall, MN, the daughter of Phillip and Cora (Lens) Hirmer. She grew up and attended school, graduating from Marshall High School in 1951. Mary worked as a Dental Technician, making false teeth for over 38 years, She had worked at Ronco Dental Lab, Sioux Falls, Creative Dental Arts Lab, Sioux Falls and Hanson Dental Lab, Sioux Falls. At age 60, Mary graduated from modeling school. On February 10, 1955 she was united in marriage to Wallace Russell Gorrell at Luverne, MN. The couple made their home in Tuscon, AZ and Sioux Falls before moving to their acreage rural Centerville. Husband, Russell died in 1983.

Mary was an active and faithful member of St. Magdalen Catholic Church where she served as Director of Religious Education and on the Altar Society. She belonged to St. Christina's Court of Catholic Daughters and the SD Dental Technicians Association. Mary was a member of Al-anon family group, and on the board and as a volunteer of the Lennox Good Samaritan Center. Besides her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by son, Nick in 1998, grandson, Nick Jr. in 2009; siblings: Bernard Hirmer, Robert Hirmer, Leonard Hirmer and John Hirmer; step-siblings: Frances Weldon, Phillip Hirmer and Alfred Hirmer.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Shirley Gorrell (Lori Tyler),

Centerville, Marilyn Coulter, Sioux Falls, Russell (Carrie) Gorrell, Virginia, Tony Gorrell, Sioux Falls and Patti (Jon) Peterson, Sioux Falls; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; siblings: Dorothy Smith, Spokane, WA, Cornelia (Jim) DeCock, Minnesota, MN, Monica Hoof, Marshall, MN, Catherine Louwagie, Marshall, MN and Doug (Gigi) McNeely, Minneapolis as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, at St. Magdalen Catholic Church, Lennox, SD with burial to follow in the Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery. The Rosary by the Catholic Daughters will begin at 4:45 p.m. Monday September 26, followed by a Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m., also at St. Magdalen Catholic Church, then visitation with the family present until 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Mary's request was memorials to the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Crucifix Fund.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My father Frank n his brother John were raised as children with Mary!*



Julie Hirmer - September 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *I was sorry to hear that Mary passed. As a dentist who had a lot of denture patients over the years, I enjoyed Mary very much. She was one of the most talented crafter of dental appliances I ever knew. But more than that, she was a pleasure to have in the office for work. The picture is an old Polaroid of her at my first office, long ago. I have thought of her often and her many years of excellent service to so many people. I remember Shirley as well from time to time! Condolences and prayers to someone who helped countless people with her thoughtful talents.*

Dick Koch - September 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *You will be greatly missed great Aunt Mary, save a seat next to that campfire in the sky, Iâ€™m sure youâ€™ll have a great spot picked out! Love you.
Jeni*



Jennifer Rains - September 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Love to you from the Smith Family in
Spokane



Jack Smith - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Our condolences for the loss of your mom
and our Aunt. Aunt Mary you will be missed.



Clay and Denise Rains - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ So many prayers for Mary's family and
friends. She will be missed by all.



Wini Paul Sara Jodee - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed chatting with your Mother
when we would come over all those years ago. Hugs and love to
you Shirley.

Tracy Montgomery - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and comfort to you. Aunt Mary will be deeply missed. RIP I love you very muchâ™
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Susan Ford, Michael and Taylor Speaks - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Shirley, I am so sorry About your mom's passing. I do believe that she is in a Better place, feeling well With no pain. I know that she loved you very much and Appreciated the care that you gave her the whole time she was with you. I'm glad that you two got to make good memories during that time.

Deb Wingler Johnson - September 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Family:
Our connection goes back many years when she picked up dental cases from me to take to a lab. You have my sympathy in the loss of your special loved one.
Dr Janell Christiansen

Dr Janell Christiansen - September 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of your mom. May knowing that others care bring you comfort.

Debbie (Minkel) Petersen - September 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM