

Remembering Dolly

Anna Marie “Dolly” (Wood) Evans, 95, passed away November 13, 2025. She was born January 16, 1930, the first child of Anna Marie Conlon Wood and Leonard Wood, at the Sisters Hospital in Hot Springs, SD. She was a lifetime resident of Pringle. A life built on hard work, determination and doing things her own way. In 1948, Dolly married her high school sweetheart, Harry Evans. Side by side they ran the Evans Post and Pole Yard, cutting, hauling and peeling posts.

She and Harry raised 6 children, the late Kathleen Ann Deaver, the late Michelle Ann Heinbaugh, Patricia Don Franceso, Rosemary Ann Dryden, Harry David Evans and Lisa Ann Anderson. Dolly was proud to say she had 51 direct descendants.

Dolly had an extensive knowledge of Pringle’s history and the people who lived there. She could tell local residents the story of their parents, grandparents and even land they lived on. She was proud to have been a school teacher at the Cold Springs School and often still carried spelling and math books for children she encountered. Her mantra of “onward and upward” reveals her true pioneer spirit. She aspired to be a genteel woman.

Dolly is also survived by her brother, Robert Wood; sister, Colleen Mahrt and sister-in-law, Oonagh Wood. Her other predecessors are her parents; her husband, Harry and her brother, Leonard Wood.



Anna Marie “Dolly” (Wood) Evans

1930-2025

WHAT LIFE IS

*Life is a race. Don't whimper if the track is
rough and the goal is distant. One day
you shall reach it.*

*Life is a voyage. Don't complain if the
storms batter the hull or the winds
tatter to shreds the sails. One day you
shall come to your heaven.*

*Life is a growth. Don't find fault if the seed
lies smothered and submerged in the
dark earth before it blooms and
blossoms. One day you shall have your harvest.*

*Life is a pilgrimage. Don't falter on the
road through self-pity because stones
cut your feet and leave your blood on
the trail. One day you will come to
Immanuel's land.*

*The God who through the boundless sky
guides the flight of the sparrow, who
builds the blind bird's nest, will see to
it that in his good time you shall arrive.*

Joseph R. Sizzo

"Dolly"

January 16, 1930—November 13, 2025

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL VIGIL

6:30 p.m., Sunday, November 16, 2025

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Custer, South Dakota

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL MASS

2:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2025

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Custer, South Dakota

CELEBRANTS

Father Collins Igwilo
Deacon Pat Coy

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. John the Baptist Music Ministry

PALLBEARERS

Tanner Evans, Jobie Dryden, Nick Ferguson, Will Ferguson,
Wes Hardy, Shane Johnson, Daniel Eberle

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kelly Deaver, Evan Deaver, Michael Don Francesco,
Joe Heinbaugh, Cody Larson, Swartz Boys

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL COMMITTAL

Custer Cemetery
Custer, South Dakota