



Countryside Support & Memory Center

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

Phone: (605) 945-0827

December 2025

In Life's Changes

Change touches every part of our lives. Some changes feel light and welcome, like the shifting seasons or the quiet turning of the year. Others feel heavy – changes that come with aging, or the challenging shifts that arrive through illness, cancer, or memory loss for someone we love. These moments reshape not only our days, but our hearts.

Yet in every change, God remains our constant. His presence does not waiver and love does not fade. When the world feels unsteady beneath our feet, He becomes our firm foundation. When our hearts grow weary, He offers rest. When we face what feels too big to carry, He walks beside us, lifting what we cannot.

Change asks us to learn patience, to grow in grace, and though the path may have some twists and turns, we can embrace the lessons hidden in new seasons and offer gentle strength when walking with others through their own valleys. Through every transition—both the tender and the difficult—our faith becomes the rudder that guides us, the anchor that steadies us, and the hope that leads us forward.

This Christmas season of giving and receiving let us reach out to those in need, uplift one another, cherish the people around us and celebrate the joy that comes from creating a more caring world.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Countryside.

Tree of Lights

The Tree of Lights glows with quiet radiance at the Thrift Store, its branches adorned with beautifully colored ornaments—each one representing a cherished family member or dear friend. Some of these names are newly entrusted to our care; others have graced the Countryside Tree of Lights for nearly three decades. Together, they stand as a poignant reminder that those we have lost are never truly gone. Their presence endures in our memories and continues to illuminate each day, and every holiday season, with love and remembrance.

As we pause before this tree, we are reminded not only of individual lives but of the enduring ties that bind us as a community. Each ornament reflects a story, a legacy, and a love that reaches beyond time. In this season of reflection and gratitude, the Tree of Lights invites us to honor the past, cherish the present, and hold close the people whose spirits continue to shine within our hearts.



Community programs – All groups will meet in the Countryside Community Room - 415 S. Crow Street

Parkinson's Support Group First Wednesday of each month, at noon. Visit with others who have a Parkinson's diagnosis. Topics include medications, exercise, safety issues and day-to-day challenges. Family members are also welcome.

Memory Connection Third Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. Discussion group for family members and friends caring for a loved one with dementia. An opportunity to off support and share information.

OMA – Thursdays 10:30 -11:30_

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is a program that matches individuals who have memory loss with a volunteer, together they create art. For more information and/or to volunteer, call Cindy at 945-0827.

Call 605-945-0827 for more information about our support groups.

Website

www.countrysidesupport.com

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Christmas at the Capital – OMA

As you enjoy the Christmas tree displays – Songs of the Season at the SD State Capitol this holiday season, be sure to stop by the **OMA – Opening Minds through Art** tree.

It is decorated with original artwork created by our artists who live with memory loss and come to OMA each week to paint and sing.

“You Are My Sunshine” echoes through the art room each week, where artists are free to create, relax, and express themselves.



IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...

In Honor of
Countrysides Wonderful Volunteers
who celebrated their
90th Birthdays in 2025

Doris Powell
Marilyn Penrod
Mavis Davis
Betty Jones

Thank you for the kindness, dedication,
and wisdom you bring to the Thrift
Store each day, you inspire all of us.

In Memory of
My Jack
and
Our Precious Daughter
In-Law Courtney Paige
Especially throughout
our
Christmas season
Marcy Fifield



In Honor of
Countryside Support
Thank you all for the funds you
provided to our daughter & others
through Pennies for Robert, for the
many cancer treatment trips. And
Thank You All Caregivers for the care &
kindness you have given to many in our
community.

God Bless you all!
Merry Christmas
Roger & Marla Fuller

IN MEMORY OF...

Richard Masteller
by
Karen Sharp
Dale & Donna Gohl
Don & Shirley Sandal

Mike Ferris
by
Uncle Matt

Taylor Beckler
Pat Harding
Melanie Bauer
Ed Hemmelman
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Mike Ferris
Pete Witte
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Lee De Jabet
by
Mark & Ruth Smith

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by
Paul Lepisto & Donna Leslie

Duane Hunsley
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Jerry & Linda Fischer
Don & Shirley Sandal

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Maggie & Bob Oliva
Beth Flagstad
Wayne Anderson
Barbara Anderson Lewis
Myron Kusler
Dr. Richard & Mary Jean
Schoessler
Irene Caldwell
Evalin Wall
Mary Jo Johnson
Frankie Patencio
Pat Harding
Gaytha Ten Eyck
Marge Perry
Lori Peterson Satrang
Lynette James
by
Anne Anderson

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David & Barb Templeton

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by
Gloria Hosman

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by
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Bud Cronin
by
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Cronin

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by
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Roy Ramser
Pete Ramser
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Justin Saylor
by
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Gary & Grace Schmitgen

JoAnn Sanders
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Duane & Deb Fitzgerald

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Carolyn & Leroy Kropuenske

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by
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by
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Lynette James
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Rob Case
Deloris Baumgart
Troy Thomas
Don Bourk
Dorance "Nail" Langley
Kevin Tveidt
Daryl Johnson
LaMoine Engbrecht
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Marge Perry
by
Ross & Nancy Sperry

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Edward Weant
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Bill Fischer
Brenda Vangalen
Carl Clausen
Gaytha Ten Eyck
Jerry Schneider
Jill Wellhouse
JoAnn Sanders
Larry Schoenhard
Leone Pederson
Les Wulf
Lynette James
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Pete Witte
Philip Patten
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Marcy Fifield

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by
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Kendra (Droppers) Paulson

by
Roger & Mary Edwards

Shirley Jenssen

by
Connie & Jim Carlisle

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...

In Memory of
Florence Corcoran

Sorry you just missed your 95th birthday.
Now you're with dad playing cards or
bowling. Rest in Peace Mama, Gramma
We will all miss you
Schwartzkopf & Corcoran Families

In Memory of
My husband
Tom Clack
On his Birthday
December 2nd
Sigrid Clack

In Memory of
Sonny

On your Christmas Eve birthday, I
celebrate the man who stole my heart.
Happy Birthday, Sonny and
Merry Christmas.
Love always,
Charlene

In Memory of
John Sundahl

72nd Birthday on December 26th
Love,
Tony, Melissa, Molly, Noah Neyhart

In Memory of
My Parents
John & Karen Wooley
Kristin Townsend

In Memory of
Loni Rae Norman
Happy Birthday on December 22nd
We love and miss you!
Your siblings

In Memory of
Tom Schmitz & Don Garrity

Forever loved and missed
Dodie Garrity, Dawn Stover and
Kelly Tibbs

In Loving Memory
Victor Bertrum Gates
Junius & Bernadette Fishburne

In Honor of
Countryside Support
Thanks for everything you do for
our community
Albert Gorham

In Loving Memory of
Our Son, Dalton Williams

Merry Christmas in Heaven Dalton.
Forever missed but never forgotten!
Love Mom, Dad, Cole, Shyanne,
Kenya, And Taya

In Loving Memory of
Our Grandson Dalton Williams
Merry Christmas Dalton
We love and miss you!
Forever in our hearts!
Love, Grandma Jody & Grandpa Cody

In Memory of
My Husband Harry Prince
It has been almost 11 years since
his passing. Our memories of him
are forever and he is missed by all.
Veona, Dwayne, Dori, and Arlen

In Memory Of
Stacy Sommer Teats

Missing you this Holiday Season
Merry Heavenly Christmas Stacy
Love and miss You!
Kim Lagan-Timp

In Memory of
James Lagan
Harrette Lagan
Ron Lagan
Love and miss you!
Kim Lagan-Timp

In Memory of
Grandpa Lagan
Grandma Lagan
Uncle Hoss Lagan
Stacy Sommer Teats
Love, Kacee Bren

In Memory of
Margaret Timp

Melvin Timp
Jay Timp
Grandma Timp
Love and miss you!
Brian

In Memory of
Douglas L. Miller
Happy Holidays
Beverly Miller, Sons Stuart &
Alexander Miller, Grandson James
Miller US Army

In Memory of
Cal & Joan Pottratz and
My husband Louie Kennedy
I miss you so & love you more!
Nancy

In Memory of
All of Our Family
Who have passed away
We love and miss you
Roy & Charlotte Hiller



Hubby
Dec. 11, fifteen years ago, you took
a piece of my heart to Heaven with
you. I love you as much today as I
did then.
Wife

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