

Kraft, Elsie obit

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Mary E. 'Elsie' Kraft

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, in St. Peter Catholic Church in Portland for Mary E. "Elsie" Kraft, who died Jan. 14 at age 84.

Mary Elizabeth Hoffart was born Sept. 18, 1920, in Bismarck, N. D. She moved to Portland in 1942. During World War II, she was a welder in the shipyards. After the war, she was a self-employed painter and wallpaper hanger for 30 years.

Survivors include her sons, Gerald and Victor; brothers, Vince Hoffart and Edwin Hoffart; sisters, Virginia Streifel and Erma Lehman; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to the seniors citizens lunches at her church. Arrangements by Finley's.

Steve Kraft email to Kutschurgan listserv, 1/17/2005, subj: Elsie Kraft obit:

Dear Members:

Our family has been saddened by the loss of Mary Elizabeth "Elsie" (Hoffart) Kraft who passed away on January 14 at the age of 84. She had been suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's and had a stroke a few days before she died.

Elsie was born in Bismarck, ND on September 18, 1920 but grew up in Strasburg, ND where she lived until the 1940's when she moved to Portland, OR with her husband, Lawrence Kraft. Her father was Vincent Hoffart, Sr. who was the electrician who wired St. Peter and Paul's Church in Strasburg and also did some of the wiring in the church in Hague.

Catholic Mass will be at St. Peter's in Portland, OR on Tuesday, January 17, 2005.

Stephen Kraft