



*In Memory of*  
**Blanche F. Messer**

*Nov. 3, 1926 ~ March 12, 2011*

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water;  
but a man of understanding will draw it out.  
*Proverbs 20:5*

Arrangements by:  
Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, S.D.  
Osheim-Schmidt Funeral Home, Rapid City, S.D.

Blanche F. Messer, 84, of Rapid City, died Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the home of her daughter in Faulkton, South Dakota following a several month illness.

Blanche Iola Floden was born Nov. 3, 1926 at Hoover, South Dakota the daughter of Jens O. and Clara B. (Karlson) Floden. She grew up on their ranch in Butte County. Blanche was confirmed on June 29, 1941 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Zeona, South Dakota. In 1944 she graduated from Nisland High School as class salutatorian. Blanche attended two years of business college in Rapid City and began working at Montana-Dakota Utilities. She then moved to Washington State and started working at Hanford Works Atomic Energy near Richland.

On April 2, 1952 she married Marvin L. Messer at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In 1962 the family moved to Rapid City. She worked at various jobs including Boeing, the Rapid City Gasification Plant and Brink Electrical Construction, retiring in 1988.

She was active in her church, Trinity Lutheran, the V.F.W. Auxiliary #1273 where she held all of the elective offices including president and district president, Canyon Lake Senior Citizens, BPOE Does and The Sons of Norway.

The chapel across from Black Hills National Cemetery was completed while she was District 10 V.F.W. Auxiliary President.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Marv Messer of Rapid City; daughter Jody (Jim) Moritz of Faulkton; two grandsons, Garrick (Carrie) Moritz of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Paul Moritz of Fargo, N.D.; one great-granddaughter, Morgan Moritz; one brother, Jennings (Shirley) Floden of Rapid City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Kermit (Kurt), and an infant daughter, Karen Lee.

Memorials may be directed to Compassionate Care Hospice or Trinity Lutheran Church.

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*Prayer services from*  
Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, South Dakota  
Tuesday, March 15, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

*Church Services from*  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid City, South Dakota  
Thursday, March 17, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

*Officiants*  
Rev. Tammy Craker, Faulkton  
Rev. Wilbur Holz, Rapid City

*Music*  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #742  
"Blest Be the Tide That Binds" #656

*Casketbearers*  
Jim Moritz  
Garrick, Carrie & Morgan Moritz  
Paul Moritz  
Janet Reed  
Marian Grant

*Interment*  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

Following services, everyone is invited to join the family at the  
Veterans of Foreign Wars #1273 Post Home,  
420 Main St., Rapid City