

**Jennie Schatz** was born September 23, 1917 on a Ziebach County homestead 10 miles south of Eagle Butte. (Joe and Nina Zorc currently reside at the location of Jennie's birthplace.) She was the fifth of eight children born to Rosie O'Korn and Joe Zorc. Jennie attended the Olson Country School and completed work through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Jennie married Michael Schatz on November 27, 1937 at the All Saints Catholic Church in Eagle Butte. The newlywed couple settled 3 miles west of Jennie's birthplace, at the Schatz homestead; there, Jennie resided for the next 77 years.

Jennie lived a full life as a homemaker, rancher's wife, and mother. She was meticulous about keeping the house clean. She was an excellent cook (although she frequently claimed otherwise); in particular, every week she treated the family to the wonderful tastes and smells of her homemade fresh-baked bread. In the summers, Jennie kept a large garden where she raised a wide array of vegetables, including fresh tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, green peas, kohlrabi, squash and sweet corn; she canned fruit and pickled beets and cucumbers for use in the winter months. For many years, Jennie raised a brood of chickens and sold eggs to neighbors and local grocery stores. She took an active part in the family's cattle operation: she spent countless hours in the barn, on horseback, or in the corral helping out with calving, turning out to pasture, doctoring, branding, vaccinating, and weaning. All the while Jennie was steadfast in attending to the needs of her four children, ranging from nursing them when they were sick, to transporting them to numerous school activities.

Jennie loved music. She was a country music fan and enjoyed singing and playing the guitar, which she taught herself to play. (Her children recall fondly the times when she serenaded them with a G-rated version of "Barnacle Bill the Sailor".) Jennie enjoyed playing cards; she taught her children how to play whist and pitch. For a number of years, Jennie was an avid roller skater; she was also fond of dancing. In her later years, she became a baseball fan; she rooted for the Atlanta Braves, watching numerous Braves games on satellite TV.

Jennie was active in the Parish of All Saints Catholic Church in Eagle Butte. She was a longtime member the parish's Altar Society; she could always be counted on to help clean the church interior, to launder church linens, and to provide pies, cookies and cakes for church bake sales. She was a faithful contributor to and worker at the annual church bazaar. Together with her husband, Jennie frequently served as an usher during Sunday Mass. Jennie possessed a deep faith in the Lord that she cultivated over the years with a daily devotional practice of saying the Rosary.

She is survived by three children: David Joseph Schatz of Hayes, SD, Tillie Rose Schatz Stacy of Colorado Springs, CO and Michael Francis Schatz, Jr. of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Mary Zorc Maher of Sturgis, SD; one brother, Joe Zorc of Eagle Butte, SD; seven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Jennie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Gemma Marie Schatz Poncelet; one brother, William Zorc; and four sisters: Josie Zorc Elsey, Rosie Zorc Maher, Cecil Zorc Bolton, and Sophie Zorc Holden.

"Thanks for coming. Adios," -Jennie





## Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most. The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



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*In Loving Memory*

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September 23, 1917  
Ziebach Co., South Dakota

March 26, 2015  
Pierre, South Dakota

### **WAKE SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 2015

All Saints Catholic Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:00 a.m., Monday, April 6, 2015

All Saints Catholic Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Adam Hofer

### **SCRIPTURE READERS:**

Kaylene Poncelet Moeller and Michelle Poncelet Kuebler

### **CASKETBEARERS:**

Patrick Poncelet, Robert Poncelet, Christopher Poncelet,  
Andrew Poncelet, Adam Schatz, Mark Moeller, Kevin Kuebler,  
Jesse Kuebler, Austin Moeller, and Michael Poncelet

### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

All of Jennie's Relatives, Friends, and Neighbors

**ORGANIST:** Martha Clavel

### **HYMNS:**

"Be Not Afraid" "Ave Maria"

"One Bread, One Body" "How Great Thou Art"

### **PLACE OF BURIAL:**

United Eagle Butte Cemetery ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota