

Lena Gutenkauf, 95, of Faulkton and formerly of Onaka, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Magdalena was born on December 25, 1914, to Benedict and Agnes (Kraft) Waldman at Hague, ND. Her mother delivered her while the family was attending midnight mass on Christmas Eve. She was the youngest daughter of 14 children. She received the sacrament of baptism at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hague, ND. At the age of 3, her family moved to a farm near Onaka, SD, where she later attended rural school. She received First Eucharist and Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in Onaka, SD. After her father passed away, she worked a variety of different jobs from housekeeping to livestock care. The most significant job was working for Ray and Mary Schoeberl, where she met her future husband.

On October, 18, 1937, she was united in marriage to Harold Gutenkauf at St. John the Baptist in Onaka. From this union, one daughter and two sons were born. Together they shared 63 years of marriage.

In 1943, they purchased a farm north of Seneca, where they farmed and raised their family. She was an active member of St. Boniface parish, taking part in Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of Faulkton. For many years she prepared children for their 1st communion. Lena enjoyed visiting friends, dancing, gardening, playing cards, camping, cooking and baking, especially Kuchen. Lena always showed great hospitality to everyone who visited her. She loved hosting family get-togethers and entertaining friends. She was deeply committed to her faith, family and friends.

Her survivors include her daughter, Sister Darlene Gutenkauf, PBVM of Aberdeen; sons: Arnold (Donna Jean) Gutenkauf of Pierre, and Dale (Jean) Gutenkauf of Onaka; 5 grandchildren: Jeff (Carrie) Gutenkauf, Chad (Anne) Gutenkauf, Vicki (Chad) Bent, Michael (Susan) Gutenkauf, and John Gutenkauf; and 12 great-grandchildren: Sydney, Erik, Keeli, Maxwell, Chloe, Jude, Abbey, Breck, Mary Elizabeth, Rose, Paul, and Lucia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; 13 brothers and sisters; and one grandson, Shane.



Faulkton, South Dakota
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Celebrating A Life



Lena Gutenkauf

December 25, 1914 – August 11, 2010

Magdalena (Lena) Gutenkauf

St. Boniface Catholic Church – Seneca, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 15, 2010

LECTOR – Chad Gutenkauf

ROSARY – Michael & John Gutenkauf

FLUTIST – Sr. Pegge Boehm, PBVM

ORGANIST – Colleen Simon

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 a.m., Monday, August 16, 2010

CLERGY – Father Joji Itukulapati

CASKETBEARERS

Jeffrey Gutenkauf

Chad Gutenkauf

Michael Gutenkauf

John Gutenkauf

Vicki Bent

Chad Bent

LECTORS

Sr. Darlene Gutenkauf, PBVM & Keeli Bent

ALTAR SERVERS

Max Bent & Jeff Breen

GIFT BEARERS

2 Red Roses honor Harold and Shane Gutenkauf

Carrie, Anne and Susan Gutenkauf, Kate Braun

12 Great Grandchildren

USHERS – Brian Simon & Chris Breen

CANTOR/ORGANIST – Colleen Simon

SONG LEADERS – Presentation Sisters & Cojourners

MUSIC SELECTIONS

“Be Not Afraid” #437

“On Eagle’s Wings” #442

“Psalm 103”

“Song of Farewell” # 841

“Only A Shadow” #451

“O Loving God” #691

INTERMENT

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery

Seneca, South Dakota

*God looked around his garden
and he found an empty place
He looked down upon the Earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest
God’s garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.*

*He saw that the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered “Peace Be Thine.”*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn’t go alone.
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*