

*Frances A. Gutenkauf, 99, of Faulkton, passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the Faulkton Healthcare Center.*

*Frances was born June 16, 1912 to Peter and Katherine (Schaefer) Simon in Hoven. She received her education in Hoven and married Lawrence Gutenkauf at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hoven on June 5, 1933. They farmed near Seneca until retiring to Faulkton in 1978. Frances enjoyed gardening and was known to have quite a "green thumb". She also enjoyed crocheting, stitchery and attending the senior center. She was an active member in the Altar Society at St. Boniface in Seneca and St. Thomas in Faulkton.*

*Survivors include three sons: Arthur (Joan) Gutenkauf, Kenneth Gutenkauf, both of Faulkton and James (Lynn) Gutenkauf of Billings, MT; two daughters: Dolores (John) Gauer of Sioux Falls and Dorothy (Bob) Smith of Frederick; 13 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lawrence; two brothers: Hubert and Bill Simon; three sisters: Leona Gutenkauf, Mildred Wiebel and Tracey Baden; and one daughter-in-law: Anneliese Gutenkauf.*

*Arrangements Entrusted To*



*Faulkton, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net*



*A Mother holds  
her children's hands  
for a while . . .  
their hearts forever.*



*In Loving Memory*

# Frances A. Gutenkauf

June 16, 1912  
Hoven, South Dakota

September 7, 2011  
Faulkton, South Dakota

## ***I'M FREE***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call;  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.  
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a love ones touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now so HE SET ME FREE.*

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2011

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
Faulkton, South Dakota

## **CELEBRANT**

Father Joji Itukulapati

## **CASKETBEARERS: Grandsons**

Dale Geffre	Brian Gauer	Steven Gutenkauf
Keith Gauer	Roger Gutenkauf	Michael Gutenkauf

## **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**

All Her Grandchildren

## **PLACING OF PALL: Children**

Arthur Gutenkauf – Kenneth Gutenkauf  
James Gutenkauf – Dolores Gauer – Dorothy Smith

## **ALTER SERVER**

Jillian Gauer

## **LECTOR**

John Gauer

## **GIFTBEARERS**

Grandchildren

## **MUSICIANS**

Jerry Bowar – St. Thomas Choir

## **MUSIC SELECTIONS**

“Amazing Grace” – “On This Day, O Beautiful Mother”  
“On Eagle’s Wings” – “Song of Farewell”  
“How Great Thou Art”

## **INTERMENT**

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery  
Seneca, South Dakota