

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Theresa Veronica Cunningham*

*March 30, 1922*

*Faulk County, South Dakota*

*September 26, 2013*

*Faulkton, South Dakota*

## *The Crocheter*

*My life is but an afghan  
between my Lord and me.  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.*

*Often times He weaveth sorrow  
And I, in foolish pride,  
Forget he sees the upper  
and I, the underside.*

*Not 'til the hook is still  
And the yarn ceases to fly,  
Shall God unroll the afghan  
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark yarns are as needful  
In the crocheters' skillful hand  
As the yarns of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim,  
He gives His very best to those  
Who leave the choice to Him.*

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., September 30, 2013

*St. Thomas Catholic Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota*

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2013

*St. Thomas Catholic Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota*

**PRESIDING:** *Father Joji Itukulapati*

**LECTORS:** *Richard Cunningham, Arlene Mardian,  
Carol Shoup, Kathleen Gunlogson*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** *Arvid Holsing*

**ALTAR SERVERS:** *Bailey Raethz & John Bowar*

**PLACING OF THE PALL and OFFERTORY:** *"Granddaughters"*

*Nancy Mardian Sanford, Pamela Mardian Guy, Barbara Shoup Anderson,*

*Peggy Shoup Barber, Angela Gunlogson, Laura Gunlogson Sickles,*

*Shenelle Raethz Sepulveda, Staci Cunningham Connette,*

*Heather Cunningham Hazen, & Crissa Cunningham*

**PALLBEARERS:** *"Grandsons"*

*Allen Mardian, Brad Shoup, Mark Shoup, Robert Shoup,*

*Bill Gunlogson, Jerod Raethz, Jovin Raethz, Kellam Cunningham*

**USHERS:** *Larry Vetch & Bernie Vogel*

**MUSICIANS:** *Linda Bartholomew & Jerry Bowar*

**HYMNS:**

*"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art" "On Eagle's Wings"*

*"Ave Maria" "Song of Farewell" "Lift High The Cross"*

**INTERMENT:**

*St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery ~ Faulkton, South Dakota*



*Faulkton, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net*

## *A Life Remembered*

**Theresa Cunningham**, 91, of Faulkton, passed away, Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the Faulkton Healthcare Center.

Theresa Veronica Waldman was born March 30, 1922 in the home of her paternal grandparents, Ben and Agnes Waldman north of Onaka to Walter and Lena (Hoffert) Waldman. She attended country school at Hillside and the Onaka High School.

On October 23, 1939 Theresa married Joseph P. Cunningham at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Onaka. They made their home on a farm outside of town until 1950. At that time they moved into town where Theresa did many things to help provide for her family. She was always busy sewing, finishing alterations, babysitting, providing haircuts, making clothes and baking and decorating birthday and wedding cakes for the area residents. In 1958 they moved to Faulkton where she worked various jobs until going to work at the Faulk County Hospital for 19 years. She retired in the mid 1980's.

During her retirement Theresa still kept busy. She continued to provide alterations and bake and decorate cakes. She loved to crochet, sew, travel, and drive the Faulk County Book Mobile. Painting was an art that Theresa took up after retirement. It was something that came naturally to her and was enjoyed by all of her family.

She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, St. Thomas Altar Society and the Faulkton Legion Auxiliary.

Theresa will always be remembered as a lady that could do anything. She never wasted a thing and was a remarkable woman who always put her family first.

Her life will be cherished by her children: Arlene (Paul) Mardian, Aberdeen, Carol (Jim) Shoup, Onida, Kathleen (Eric) Gunlogson, Minneapolis, MN, Judy (Richard) Raethz, Faulkton and Richard (Jo) Cunningham, Hot Springs; 18 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; one sister, Kathryn Waldman Francis, Aberdeen and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2002; two granddaughters: Carma Lea Raethz and Jennifer Gunlogson; and her siblings: Joseph Waldman and Emma Roesch.



*“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
love leaves a memory no one can steal.”*