



O Lord,

*Support us all the day long,
of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then of Thy great mercy,
grant us safe lodging,
and holy rest and
peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

*~ Cardinal John Henry
Newman*

In Loving Memory of

Irene A. Cordts

June 19, 1911

Faulk Co., South Dakota

May 18, 2016

Faulkton, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22, 2016

St. Thomas the Apostle Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2016

St. Thomas the Apostle Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Christopher Hughes

LECTOR: Bill Warren

GIFT BEARERS: JoAnn Schaefers, Sandy Sprenger,
Terry Huss, Bev Huss

ALTAR SERVERS: James Bowar, Simon Bowar,
John Bowar, Jeffrey Schulte

CASKET BEARERS: Thomas O'Meara, Mike Huss,
Raymond Sturdevant, Scott Cordts, Barry Bowar, David Huss

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Gary Huss, Pat Huss,
Craig Huss, Jim Huss, Bob Sturdevant, Mark Sturdevant

USHERS: Ted Huss and Chuck Huss

ORGANIST: Linda Bartholomew

VOCALISTS: Jerry Bowar and Tim Bowar

HYMNS: "Be Not Afraid" "They'll Know We Are Christians"
"You Are Mine" "Ave Maria" "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother"

INTERMENT:

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery ~ Faulkton, South Dakota



Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Irene A. Cordts, 104, of Faulkton, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Faulkton Senior Living.

Irene Anna Huss, daughter of Theodore and Anna (Klein) Huss, was born on a farm southeast of Faulkton (4 ½ miles north of Orient) on June 19, 1911. She always felt privileged to be delivered by Dr. Abbie Ann Jarvis, one of the first pioneer women doctors of South Dakota. Irene attended St. Mary's School, Zell for the first seven years, then the Orient School for three years and graduated from Notre Dame Academy High School, Mitchell in 1929. After one year at Notre Dame Junior College, she taught country schools in Arcade and LaFoon townships for eight years. From 1938 to 1946, she was clerk in the Faulk County Agriculture Adjustment Administration Office in the courthouse.

Irene compiled the histories of Veteran's names on the Legion Hall and did extensive research for the cemetery and other history of Faulk County. She was on the committee to raise the \$50,000 for the Perpetual Care at the Cemetery and donated the flags and crucifixion statues.

On May 17, 1943, she married Homer Cordts at St. Joseph's Rectory, Orient with Rev. Father John A. Krebs officiating. They made their home in the Turner Apartments for six years and moved into their new home at 212 12th Ave S on August 1, 1949. Irene moved to Faulkton Senior Living in 2009.

She was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and Altar Society, Faulkton Area Arts Council, Faulk County Historical Society, SD Historical Society in Pierre, Crazy Horse Grass Roots Club, SD Art Museum in Brookings, SD Hall of Fame in Chamberlain, SD State Poetry Society in Sioux Falls, SD Century Club, and Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, NY. Irene enjoyed her Christian fellowship with the Koinonia group.

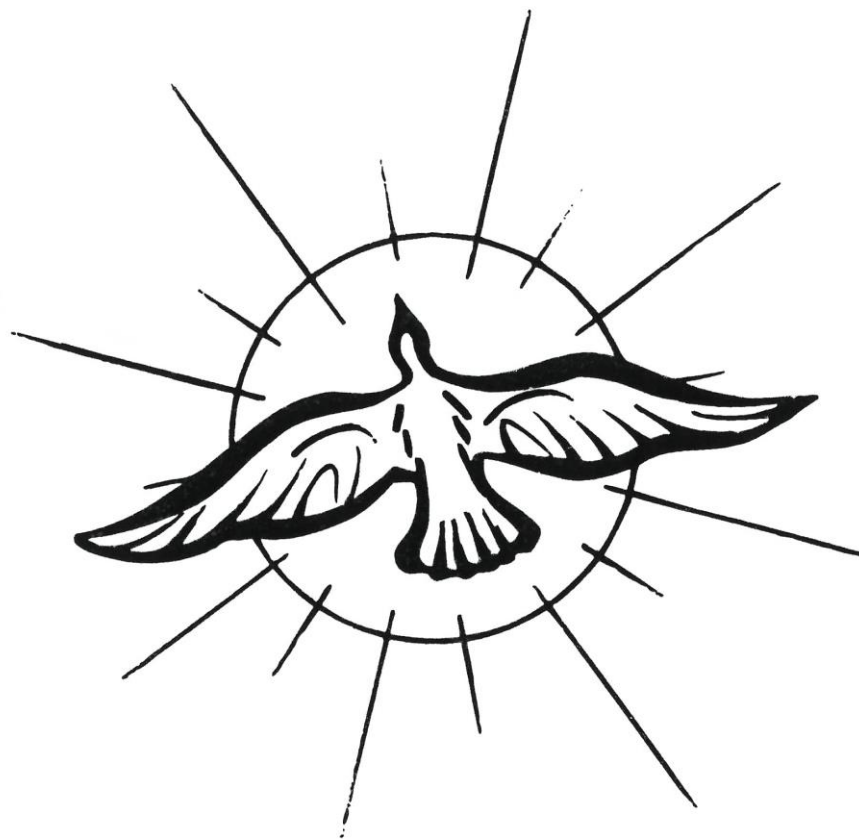
For her 100th birthday she was presented a key to the City of Faulkton, the SD Healthcare Association and KELO-LAND TV plaques, and a Proclamation of Irene Cordts Day in Faulkton from Mayor Tim Bormann. Irene is only the second 100 year old parishioner from St. Thomas parish and the first Huss/Klein relative to live to be 100 years old.

Surviving relatives include two brothers: Leo (Connie) Huss and Kenneth (Lorraine) Huss; sister-in-law, Dorothy Huss; brother-in-law, Eugene Bowar all of Faulkton; and sister-in-law, Bernadine Cordts of Huron; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Cordts on December 8, 1974; parents; three sisters: Marcella O'Meara, Verna Sturdevant, Maurine (Billie) Bowar; and three brothers: Clarence, Cyril, and Raymond Huss.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers and staff at Faulkton Senior Living for the loving care Irene received while living there.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are directed to Faulkton Cemetery Association Perpetual Care, Faulk County Historical Society, Faulkton American Legion or the Irene Huss Cordts Endowment she established with the Eastern SD Catholic Foundation to serve parish ministries and seminarian education.



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