



Two Mothers Remembered

By Joann Snow Duncanson

I had two Mothers – two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name.

Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.

She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.

As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh as just Mothers and daughters do.

But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.

So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she was the child and I was her strength.

We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes and the old goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.
Love both of your Mothers as both loved you.

In Loving Memory Of

Mary Ann Beidler

June 10, 1931

Miller, South Dakota

July 26, 2022

Faulkton, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2022

St. Liborius Catholic Church
Polo, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Randy Phillips

EULOGIST: Kayla Speck

LECTORS: Hannah Decker and Jessica Hoeksema

EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Carol Poppens

MASS SERVERS: Teddy Duffy and Evvy Beidler

OFFERTORY: Remmy Beidler and Cully Beidler

CASKET BEARERS:

Tony Campbell, Charlie Poppens,
Rylee Beidler, and Kurt Beidler

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Mary Ann's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

VOCALIST: Ken Schaefer

HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace" "I Am the Bread of Life"
"On Eagle's Wings" "Song of Farewell"
"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery
Polo, South Dakota

Mary Ann Wieseler was born on June 10, 1931, to Albert and Anna (Naber) Wieseler. She attended the St. Liborius Grade School and graduated from Polo High School in 1950. After graduation, Mary Ann worked for the Orient Co-op until she married Elwood Beidler on November 8, 1955, at Polo, SD. To this union, they welcomed six children. Elwood and Mary Ann farmed for six years in the Miranda, SD area until they purchased the farm south of Orient from her parents. In 1991, Mary Ann and Elwood relocated to Polo; in 2018, Mary Ann moved to the Faulkton Senior Living Center.

Mary Ann was a faithful member of the St. Liborius Catholic Church and an active member of the Christian Mothers. Mary Ann never missed a moment to be around her family and she will be remembered for her goodbye saying, "Will see you." She enjoyed cooking, baking, and collecting recipe books. Grandma "B" will be remembered for her meatloaf, goulash, fried chicken, banana bars, and her love of angel food cake with strawberries and ice cream. Mary Ann loved to drive her car and at times would get the attention of others by honking her horn. She loved to play cards, roll dice, earn bingo bucks, and "that there."

Privileged to have shared in Mary Ann's life are her children: Marilyn (Gary) Campbell, Marvin (Tracy) Beidler, Rick (Susan Baxter) Beidler, Carol (Jason) Poppens, and Brian (Audumn) Beidler; daughter-in-law, Diane Beidler; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Doris Mewes; sister-in-law, Jean Beidler, special friend, De Johnson, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Elwood (2004); son, Jim (2022); granddaughter, Michelle (2004); great-granddaughter, Alexa (2011); brother, Marvin Wieseler, sister, Eileen Stevens (2022); and several brothers and sisters-in-law.

The family would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the staff at the Faulkton Senior Living Center for their endless care and kindness of our mother over the past four years.



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