

In Loving Memory Of  
**Violet I. Schekel**

July 7, 1921  
Selby, South Dakota

March 9, 2016  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**MOTHERS NEVER DIE—  
THEY JUST KEEP HOUSE UP IN THE SKY**

When we are children, we are happy and gay  
And our MOTHER is young and she laughs as we play,  
They as we grow up, she teaches us truth  
And lay life's foundation in the days of our youth—  
And then it is time for us to leave home  
But her teachings go with us wherever we roam,  
For all that she taught us and all that we did  
When we were so often just a bad, little kid,  
We will often remember and then realize  
That MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL and WONDERFULLY WISE...  
And as she grows older, we look back with love  
Knowing that she "goes home" to receive her reward  
She will dwell in GOD'S KINGDOM and  
"KEEP HOUSE for THE LORD"  
Where she'll "light up" the stars that shine through the night  
And keep all the moonbeams "sparkling and bright"  
And then with the dawn she'll put the darkness away  
As she "scours" the sun to new brilliance each day...  
So dry tears of sorrow, for MOTHER'S DON'T DIE...  
They just move in with GOD and  
"KEEP HOUSE IN THE SKY"  
And there in GOD'S KINGDOM, MOTHERS watch from above  
To welcome their children with their UNDYING LOVE!

**WAKE SERVICE** ~ 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING** ~ Fr. Jerry Kopel

**LECTOR** ~ Don Hericks

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER** ~ Lila Hericks

**OFFERTORY** ~ Mike Carter and Kevin Kirby

**CASKETBEARERS** ~ Scott Howell, Bonnie Valberg, Jayd Kirby,  
Michelle Carter, Jody Kirby, Brian Carter, Kendall Hughes,  
Bobbie Howell, Kassie Rich

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS** ~ Rich LaRosh, Bill Eliason,  
Florian Drexler, Kenny Kirby, Kelly Kirby,  
Dan Thomas, Bob Thomas, Marlin Miller

**PLACING OF THE PALL** ~ Violet's Sons-In-Law

**MUSICIAN** ~ Gail Larson and Brenda Frost

**VOCALIST** ~ Melanie Pfeil

**HYMNS** ~ "We Gather Together" "I Am the Bread of Life"  
"Ava Marie" "Song of Farewell"  
"On Eagle's Wings"

**INTERMENT**

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net

*Violet Irene (Hetterle) Schekel, 94, of Gettysburg, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Avera Oahe Haven, Gettysburg.*

*Violet Hetterle Schekel was born to Emmanuel and Mary (Kappfenstein) Hetterle on July 7, 1921 on a farm northeast of Selby, SD. She had an older brother, Art, and a younger sister, Gloria. When Violet was four years old, her father died and the family moved to Java, SD. This is where Violet received her education, graduating from Java High School in 1939. During this time she also lived in Gettysburg and Hoven, SD.*

*After graduating from high school, Violet attended NYA (National Youth Administration) school in Lebanon, SD two weeks out of the month. The other two weeks she worked in cafés at Gettysburg and Hoven, SD.*

*After WWII began in 1941, the Defense plants began hiring and Violet moved to Chicago. Violet worked in several Defense plants until being laid off. At that time she joined the WAC, and was sent to Ft. Moines, Iowa for basics. Violet was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas before being shipped overseas. She was stationed in England and Paris, France until the end of the war.*

*After her discharge, Violet moved back to Gettysburg and worked in the AAA office for a while. She then decided to take advantage of the GI Bill and enrolled and graduated from Cosmetology School in Milwaukee, WI. Returning to Gettysburg, she went to work for Thelma Smith at Thelma's Beauty Shop.*

*During this time she met a farmer/rancher, Lorin Schekel, who had just returned from the war. They were married on May 5, 1949 and were married for 52 years. They ran a farm/ranch operation southeast of Gettysburg, SD. Lorin passed away in 2001. Violet continued to live at home until entering the Oahe nursing home in January, 2016.*

*Violet was a member of the Legion Auxiliary, VFW, VFW Auxiliary, Medicine Rock Cattle Women, where she served as secretary for many years, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society. She was clerk of the Elida School District for 15 years. In her spare time, she liked to sew and cook.*

*Violet is survived by her four daughters: Gayle Schekel of Gettysburg, Robin (Joe) Howell of Miramar, Florida, Joanne (Mike) Carter of Glenham, and Lori (Kevin) Kirby of Barry, TX; 10 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sister, Gloria Woitte of New Ulm, MN; sister-in-law, Alice Schekel of Gettysburg and many nieces and nephews.*

*Preceding Violet in death were her father, Emmanuel; her mother, Mary Murphey; husband, Lorin; son, Patrick; granddaughter, Dawn Carter; brother, Art Hetterle; brothers-in-law: Ray, Derold and Leonard Schekel, and Robert Woitte; sisters-in-law: Virginia and Alpha Schekel, and Leni Hetterle; and nephew, Bobby Woitte.*



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*1921 ~ 2016*