

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW...

I was sitting here in Heaven
And having a wonderful day.
I started thinking about you
And all the things I didn't get a chance to say.
I don't want you to worry about me
And please don't shed any tears,
Because I will wait for you in Heaven,
If it takes a hundred years.
Everything I had on Earth
I have in Heaven too!
My first day here
My body became brand new.
It is really pretty here
And I love my new home,
Although your heart is broken
Because my body is gone.
My love will always be there
As you go along the way,
Just take a peek inside your heart
There is where I'll stay.
Know that I loved my family
And all my friends too,
My thoughts will be with each of you
Your whole life through.



Elfriede Buchholz

1922 ~ 2011



Highmore, South Dakota
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Elfriede *Kunz* *Buchholz* was born on December 1, 1922 in Frankfurt on the Main, Germany, to Fritz and Anna (Schoenhals) Kunz.

Elfriede received her education in Frankfurt, Germany. Following graduation, she worked for a German telephone company as a telephone operator. It was at this time during the American Allied Occupation, while she worked as a telephone and teletype operator for the American forces, she met Private Otho V. Buchholz. Elfriede and Otho were married on January 13, 1948, in Little Falls, Minnesota.

Elfriede and Otho made their first home on the family homestead north of Harrold. They then moved their family to a farm 16 miles south of Holabird, currently known as the Melvin Ranch.

After a short time there, they moved to the farm three miles south of Holabird. It was during this time Elfriede worked for the Brock Creamery in Highmore.

On May 10, 1960, Elfriede proudly became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

Elfriede and Otho moved to the farm ten miles south of Holabird where they lived until purchasing the Holabird Texaco Station, Grocery, and Post Office. Elfriede was a U.S. Postmaster until her retirement some 26 years later.

Elfriede was an active youth leader. She was a leader of the Chapelle Local Farmers Union youth program and also organized and led the Clever Clover 4-H Club for over 20 years.

Elfriede enjoyed visiting with each new 5th grade class in Highmore and Miller, telling of her life as a young girl growing up in Germany and about her schooling. She would answer any questions the children had about her life in Germany. Everyone who knew her loved her stories about her life as a young girl in Germany. Elfriede enjoyed her parents visit from Germany in the summer of 1959 and also the several visits from Fritz-jueren Heck and Gerard Zittlau from Germany but she never wanted to return to Germany herself.

Elfriede's hobbies included needlework, reading, watching baseball games and rock collecting. The children and grandchildren have many treasured needlework gifts that she made throughout the years. Elfriede also contributed to grandpa's wood working projects, with many hours of finishing work, sanding, staining and varnishing them all for him. Grandma Holabird also made flannel receiving blankets, with crocheted edges for the birth of each grandchild until her health prevented her from doing this beloved project.

Elfriede is survived by her children: Doris (Gary) Knox, Linda (Jerry) DuBois, Roger (Diane) Buchholz, and Marty (Nyla) Buchholz; many grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Proceeding her in death were her parents; husband, Otho; sister, Mary; and grandchild, Matthew Zane Knox.

In Loving Memory of

Elfriede Buchholz

December 1, 1922
Frankfurt, Germany

June 14, 2011
Highmore, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2011
United Methodist Church
Highmore, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jenene Earl

CASKETBEARERS: Grandsons

Paul Knox	Aaron Knox	Jesse Knox
Clint Buchholz	Alex Buchholz	Craig Miller Buchholz

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All Her Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

FLOWERBEARERS

Elfriede's Granddaughters

USHERS

Ed Westcott – Sam Dancey

GUESTBOOK

Samie McCauley – Shannon Myers

EULOGIST

Roxanne Oakley

ORGANIST

Vi Pfeifer

VOCALIST

Brandi Roshau – "On Eagle's Wings"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace" – "Blessed Assurance"

INTERMENT

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota