

Donna J. Gunderson, 72, of Highmore, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Donna Jean Gunderson was born June 27, 1939, at Highmore, South Dakota, to George and Stella (Mason) Ruark. She was united in marriage to Duane "Mick" Gunderson at Highmore on June 10, 1955. To this union six children were born.

Donna's occupations included farming, working as a cook at Kussers, and she spent the remainder of years as a cook at the Nutrition Center in Highmore until her retirement in 2009. In Donna's free time she enjoyed crafting. There is nothing Donna loved more than spending time with her family. She enjoyed the large family gatherings, the socializing and laughter. Donna was loved dearly by her family and friends. She was the glue that held her family together and her loss leaves a hole that can never be filled. She was smart, loving, generous, kind, and thoughtful. This beautiful woman will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew her.

Survivors include her four daughters and their families: Corrine (Jim) Odegaard, Clint and Eric of Miller; Jennifer (Kevin) Snow, Johanna and Melissa of Pierre; Pam (Chris) Farrell, Ashley and Amber of Bristol, and Teresa (Mark) Blow, Matthew of Harrisburg; two sons and their families: Mike (Sharon) Gunderson, Mandy, Jamie, Lance, and Chase of Bowdle and Tim (Kathy) Gunderson, Danielle and Dustin of Ankeny, Iowa; her 5 great grandchildren; sister, Pat Kaass of Sioux Falls and brother, Tom Ruark of Butte, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Duane Gunderson; two sisters: Marilyn Kwaak and Mona Ruark; four brothers: Leroy Ruark, David Ruark, Richard Ruark, and Robert Ruark.

Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota
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FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes of his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

In Loving Memory

Donna J. Gunderson

June 27, 1939
Highmore, South Dakota

October 29, 2011
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Highmore, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor David Peterson

CASKETBEARERS

Delmas Meek	Jimmy Gunderson	Burton Anderson
JD Anderson	Dusty Anderson	Mike Mason

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All Her Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

USHER

Cub Marshall

GUESTBOOK

Nadine Day – Betty Phillips

FLOWERBEARERS

Laura Anderson – Carol Faulstich

ORGANIST

Katherine Porter-Hieb

VOCALIST

Roger Day

"The Lord's Prayer"

"One Day At A Time"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"In the Garden"

INTERMENT

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota