



*Arlene Katz*, 84, of Highmore, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Highmore Health, Highmore, SD.

Arlene Leone was born in Highmore, SD to Victor and Ruth (Stoley) Christensen on January 21, 1929. She attended elementary school in Lincoln Township and high school at Highmore High School graduating in 1947.

Arlene married Victor John Kutz, on April 4, 1947 in Redfield, SD. To this union five children were born; Janice, Robert, Roger, Timothy, and Marlene. They made their home in Highmore until his death on October 19, 1959. After John's death,

Arlene worked at Smith's Grocery and took in ironing to support her children.

On July 5, 1963, Arlene married Harold "Fritz" Kutz. To this union two children were born; Lisa and David. They also made their home in Highmore. Arlene worked at the First State Bank as a janitor, Hyde County Highway Department as a bookkeeper and the Highmore Nursing Home as a certified nurse's aide.

Arlene's greatest joy in her life was spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved baking and making their favorite meals. Knowing her children and/or grandchildren were coming home for a visit put her in the baking and cooking mode. The refrigerators and freezer were always full with their favorite things when they came home.

In the summer, Arlene thoroughly enjoyed spending time in her garden and canning all the produce she grew. She always had way more than she needed and shared it with her family and friends. She also enjoyed the spring, shopping for flowers and spending the time planting them in her flower beds. Spring and summer were her favorite seasons.

Arlene was always grateful to her friend and caregiver Sally Peoples and her family that always had time to take care of her and spend time with her.

Arlene is survived by her seven children: Janice (Tom) Birdsall of Port Charlotte, FL, Robert (Dianne) Kutz of Sioux Falls, Roger (Carolyn) Kutz of Highmore, Timothy (Valerie) Kutz Venice, FL, Marlene Czaja of Auburn, IN, Lisa (Steve) Nielson of Blair, NE and David (Linda) Kutz of Spearfish; thirteen grandchildren: Christopher Birdsall, Lynn Kutz, Larry (Summer) Kutz, John (Diana) Kutz, Linda (Brian) Gill, Jeremy Kutz, Marcy (Brent Boger) Czaja, Alex Czaja, Crystal (Jesse) Plum, Brittany Nielson, Travis and Tyler Nielson, Matthew Kutz, thirteen great grandchildren; one brother, Jay (Vesta) Christensen of Mitchell, sister-in-law, Marilyn Kutz of Highmore, brother-in-law, Royal (LaVonne) Kutz of Highmore, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John and Harold; her parents; and one brother, Victor Christensen, Jr.

*In Loving Memory*

# *Arlene Katz*

January 21, 1929  
Highmore, South Dakota

January 18, 2014  
Highmore, South Dakota

## *FUNERAL SERVICE*

10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2014  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Highmore, South Dakota

## *OFFICIATING*

Pastor David Peterson

## *CASKETBEARERS*

John Kutz	Larry Kutz	Travis Nielson
Jeremy Kutz	Matthew Kutz	Johnathan Kutz

## *HONORARY CASKETBEARERS*

All Her Grandchildren

## *USHERS*

Jon Dean & John Volek

## *GUESTBOOK*

Sally Peoples

## *FLOWERBEARERS*

Gladys Volek & Sally Peoples

## *ORGANIST*

Cynthia Sampson

## *SOLOIST*

Roger Day

*"Amazing Grace" – "In the Garden"*

## *CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS*

*"How Great Thou Art" – "On Eagle's Wings"*

## *INTERMENT*

Highmore Cemetery  
Highmore, South Dakota

## *I'M FREE*

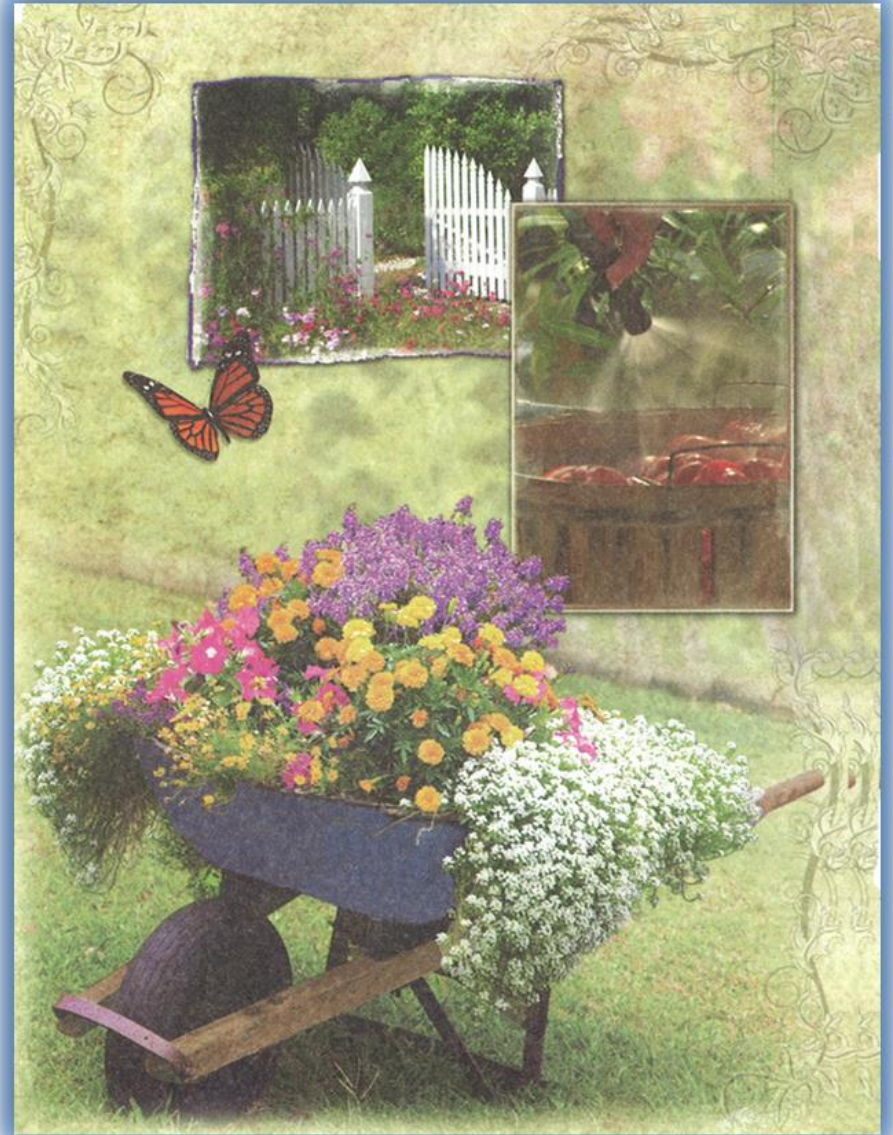
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call;  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.  
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a love ones touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now so HE SET ME FREE.*



Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota  
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*"Providing Comfort To Families"*

# *Arlene Kutz*

1929 - 2014