



*Daughter, Wife, Mother, Grandma,
Great Grandma, Big Grandma,
Memaw,*

Guardian Angel

Wake

5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 10, 2023
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Memorial Mass

11:00 a.m., Monday, September 11, 2023
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Paul Josten

Honorary Urnbearers

All Renata's
Grandchildren

Ushers

Jared Brueggeman
Randy Houdek
Rod Kusser

Flowerbearers

Toinette Brueggeman
Sandi Hemminger
Deb Houdek

Musicians

Katherine Porter
Bob Bawdon
"One More Day"

Congregational Selections

Opening - "How Great Thou Art" #430
"Song of Farewell" #832
Closing - "Amazing Grace" #449



In Loving
M E M O R Y

Renata Cowman

March 1, 1931 - September 5, 2023

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
 You can close your eyes
and pray that she will come back
 Or you can open your eyes
and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because
 you can't see her
Or you can be full of the
 love that you shared
 You can turn your
back on tomorrow
and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday
 You can remember her
and only that she is gone
 Or you can cherish her
memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
 smile, open your eyes,
 love and go on.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Luce, Luze & Reck Funeral Homes - Highmore, S.D.
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Renata Cowman, 92, of Highmore, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Renata was born in Zell, South Dakota on March 1, 1931, to Agnes (Goad) and John B. Weiss. After graduating from Redfield High School, she met Jerry Cowman while working at the dime store in Highmore. They married on September 4, 1952. Their marriage was blessed with seven children. They were married 63 years when Jerry passed in 2016.

They spent most of their married years in Highmore. For a time, they owned the Frosty Freeze where Renata honed her potato salad and coleslaw-making skills. Renata also served many years in the Office of Hyde County Director of Equalization and later as a Hyde County Commissioner. As a result of those years, the courthouse gang was an important part of her extended family which grew to include the Brueggeman family for whom she provided childcare service.

She loved her faith, time with family and friends, playing cards, preparing meals (including gravy), singing, and giving gifts. She was especially happy when spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who referred to her as "Great Grandma," "Big Grandma," and "Memaw". Not to forget one of her favorite pastimes was "twinning" with her favorite sister, Maxine. In addition, she spent much time at the Senior Citizen Center, and stopping at her favorite gathering places; she had a unique ability to attract invaluable and lifelong friends, and rarely spent time alone.

Renata is survived by her children, Jeryl (Rod) Bean of Belle Fourche, Jack (Jan) of Spearfish, Deb (Herb) Jones of Yankton, Dianne (Jimmy) Roberts of Hulett, WY, Jerald Price "J.P." (Jody) of Moorcroft, WY, and Joni (Rod Ruen) of Pierre; sister, Maxine Myers of Alpena, MI; sisters-in-law: Peg Cowman of Indian Wells, CA and Patty Weiss of Hot Springs; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerry; son, James; grandson, John K. Cowman; and brothers: Raphael (Neva) Weiss, Willard (Jean) Weiss, Delbert (Lois) Weiss, and Jack Weiss; and brother and sister-in-law: Jerry Myers and Sharon Cowman.