



Ruth Esther Bertsch, 98, of Miller, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2010 at the Miller Good Samaritan Center.

Ruth was born June 29, 1912 at Delmont, South Dakota to Gustav and Annette (Trottnow) Freitag. She was the seventh of fourteen children. At the age of four, she moved with her family to a farm at Kaylor, South Dakota. She completed her early education at Kaylor School.

On August 22, 1937, she married Ed Bertsch and they made their home in Menno,



South Dakota until 1940 when they moved to the St. Lawrence area. In 1943, they moved to a farm one mile north of St. Lawrence. Ed and Ruth had two children, Janice and Ron. Ruth assisted her husband on the farm and worked as a store clerk in St. Lawrence and Miller most of her adult life. Ed passed away on June 13, 1978. In 1979, Ruth moved to Miller and in February of 2003, she became a resident of the Miller Good Samaritan Center.



Ruth and Ed were faithful and active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Miller.

Ruth's memory will be cherished by her daughter, Janice Manning of Miller; son, Ron (Jan) Bertsch of Yankton; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two step great



grandchildren; four step great-great grandchildren; one brother, Rudy Freitag of Miller and one sister, Leona Dunlap of Gresham, Oregon.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; great granddaughter, Amy Manning; seven brothers; four sisters; and one son-in-law, Artie Manning.



In Loving Memory

Ruth E. Bertsch

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 22, 2010
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTER

Rev. Bob Ohnstad

PALLBEARERS

Steve Manning – Brad Manning
Terry Manning – Scott Manning
Curt Manning – Jennifer Bertsch
Judson Bertsch

READERS

Steve Manning
Jennifer Bertsch

EULOGY

Ron Bertsch

ORGANIST

Janice Kost

SOLOIST

Michaela Iverson
"Blessed Assurance"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"
"Morning Has Broken"

INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Cemetery
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd:
I shall not want

He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all
the days of my life and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

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