

Berniece Anna Simons, 98, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society of Miller.

Berniece Anna Goyke was born May 4, 1913 to Bernard and Anna (Dobmeier) Goyke at her Grandmother's house in St. Lawrence, SD. She was educated in the country school, and then to Notre Dame Academy in Mitchell for junior and senior high school and junior college. She graduated in 1932 with a teaching certificate and did most of her teaching in the old neighborhood near St. Lawrence where she grew up.

She married Bernard Simons on September 9, 1936. They lived on a farm northeast of St. Lawrence where they raised their children. They moved off the farm in 1976, and she then moved to Miller Manor after Bernard's death in 1996. She entered the nursing home in 2009.

Berniece especially enjoyed gardening, dancing, playing the organ, sewing, being called "Grandma" by everyone, hats, butterflies, and everything purple.

She spent many years enjoying activities at the Senior Center, rarely missing a dance, and served as the daily meal coordinator at Miller Manor during her entire residence there, and as the youth director of the Hand County Farmers Union.

Survivors include five daughters: Virginia (Alcid) Hoover of Kansas, Carole (Delton) Beck of Ree Heights, Janice (Dallas, Sr.) Westby of Huron, Rosemary (Dick) Denman of Colorado, Yvonne (Dennis) Ohlrogge of Huron; five sons: David (Derla) Simons of St. Lawrence, Donald (Dagmar) Simons of New York, Kenneth (Rosetta) Simons of Aberdeen, Stephen (Gabrielle) Simons of Miller, and Myron Simons of Huron; one sister, Colleen Kearns of Kansas; 42 grandchildren; 79 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Bernard; her parents; sisters, Beverly Ringelbauer, Lorena, Catherine, and Elizabeth Goyke.

## *In Loving Memory*



## *Berniece Anna Simons*

*1913 - 2011*

*Arrangements Entrusted To*



*Miller, South Dakota*  
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**TO THOSE I LOVE AND  
THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

When I am gone, release me, let me go,  
I have many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a time that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.  
*And if you listen with your heart you will hear*  
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone....  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
"WELCOME HOME"

*In Loving Memory*

# *Berniece A. Simons*

May 4, 1913

St. Lawrence, South Dakota

July 26, 2011

Miller, South Dakota

## *MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL*

10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2011

St. Ann's Catholic Church – Miller, South Dakota

## *CELEBRANT*

Father Chester Murtha

## *CASKETBEARERS*

Tyler Ohlrogge

Neil Simons

Alan Hoover

Jared Beck

Ryan Denman

Dallas Westby, Jr.

Tony Hoover

Duane Simons

## *HONORARY CASKETBEARERS*

All Her Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren

Great-Great Grandchildren

## *ALTAR SERVERS*

Luke Simons – Shae Knox

## *LECTORS*

Mike and Rita Beaner

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS*

Denise McCormick – Carole Beck

## *USHERS*

Dennis Simons – Sam Simons

## *GIFTBEARERS*

Susan Rolle – Fanchon Ohlrogge

Holly Schaefer – Kristen Simons

## *MUSICIANS*

Connie Schroeder – St. Ann's Choir

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" – "On Eagle's Wings"

"Old Rugged Cross" – "In the Garden"

"Celtic Song of Farewell" – "How Great Thou Art"

## *INTERMENT*

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery

Miller, South Dakota