



THE FAMILY CHAIN

If Love could have saved you –
You would not have died.
If tears could bring you back
You'd be by our side.

It broke our heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.

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Miller, South Dakota
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*A Mother holds
her children's hands
For a while...
their hearts forever.*

Kay Ortmeier, 82, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the Eastern Star Home in Redfield.

Warda Kay Ortmeier was born September 20, 1929 to George and Ysobel (Potter) Esoph in Miller, South Dakota. She attended Miller schools through the sixth grade in which then she attended Graceville Academy in Graceville, Minnesota where she graduated from in 1947. From there she attended Mankato State College and graduated with a business degree.

After completing her business degree, Kay moved to Hecla and worked at a bank. She met James Mitchell and two weeks later he proposed to her; to this union was born six sons and two daughters. From there they moved to Aberdeen and to Miller in 1953. James went into a partnership with his father-in-law at the Miller Tire Shop and Kay did the books for them.

In 1972, James passed away. Kay then married James Ortmeier in 1974 and to this union one son, James M. was born. They lived on the Ortmeier homestead. She was a very organized woman who managed her farm role well. Kay also made all of her children's clothes as she was an excellent seamstress. She loved to play the organ and could play a total of nine instruments. Among other things she loved playing pinball, poker, bridge, pitch, fishing, gardening, canning and especially reading. She was an all-around truly amazing lady!

Kay was a member of the St. Liborius Catholic Church and praying the rosary was a very important to her, something that she passed on to her children.

Kay is survived by her husband, James of Polo; children: Michael Mitchell of Rapid City, Cathleen (Curtis) Walker of Aberdeen, Dan Mitchell of Onida, Jeff (Patti) Mitchell of Aberdeen, Elizabeth Dinger of Sioux Falls, Donovan "Doc" Mitchell of Sioux Falls, Christopher Mitchell of Liberty, MO, and James M. Ortmeier of Polo; 16 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and one brother, George (Shirley) Esoph of Minneapolis, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Mitchell in 1972; son, James Mitchell in 1969; and one sister, Peggy Pare.

In Loving Memory

Kay Ortmeier

September 20, 1929
Miller, South Dakota

June 20, 2012
Redfield, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
10:30 a.m., Monday, June 25, 2012
St. Liborius Catholic Church
Polo, South Dakota

CELEBRANTS: Father Chester Murtha

CASKETBEARERS: Grandsons

Michael Mitchell	Nick Dinger	Casey Mitchell
Mason Mitchell	Alex Mitchell	Taylor Mitchell
Christian Mitchell	James Mitchell	Jack Mitchell

LECTORS: Rodey Martinmaas – Mike Schaefer

PLACING OF THE PALL:
Granddaughters

Lisa Borden	Jolene Mitchell	
Aleah VanDuesen	Elizabeth Erikson	
Savannah Harrison	Jessica Mitchell	Emelia Mitchell

GIFTBEARERS: Jeff & Patti Mitchell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ann Schaefer

USHERS:

Dan Mitchell – Jim Ortmeier – Jack Schaefer

MUSICIANS:

Jo Ann Schaefer – St. Liborius Choir

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

"Only A Shadow" – "Gifts of Finest Wheat"
"Ave Maria" – "Oh Loving God" – "How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

Mount Calvary Cemetery
Polo, South Dakota