

Mom,

I fell, and you picked me up,  
I cried, and you wiped my tears  
I was lost, and you brought me home

I wanted fame  
and you were my audience.

I desired a friend,  
and you were there.

I needed Love,  
and you handed me your heart.

We'll Love you always,

Love,  
your children



#### 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.



*Rene' Bertsch*

*1958 - 2012*



*Going Home*

*Arrangements Entrusted To*

**Reck**  
FUNERAL HOME

Miller, South Dakota  
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Rene' Bertsch, 54, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Miller.



Reinata (Rene') Bertsch was born February 22, 1958 to George and Leona (Fawcett) Engelmann in Miller, South Dakota. She attended Ree Heights Elementary School through the eighth grade. She then attended Miller High School and graduated in 1976. From there she attended the University of Sioux Falls and graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Development. She also attended South Dakota State University and Northern State University.

After completing her degree, Rene' became the director of a daycare in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She then moved on to be a nanny in Minneapolis, Minnesota and then to an employee of Jones Drug in Miller. Rene' married Randy Bertsch on May 22, 1993 in Miller and to this union two children were born, Allison and Adam.

She then returned to her love of being with children and was a teacher with the Skill Builder program in the Miller School District and also a special education aide. Rene' also had an in home daycare called Rene's Little Angels from 1999 through 2003. She then worked at Hand in Hand Daycare from 2004 through 2011 as a helper and Nursery school teacher.

Rene' loved to sing in the church choir, refurbishing furniture, cross stitching, photography, scrapbooking, in which she had made several of her children and daycare days. She enjoyed attending community theatres and concerts. Her biggest enjoyment was teaching and caring for children, especially her own.

Rene' was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Aberdeen Early Childhood Educators, Hand County Library League, Central Plains Arts Council, and the Miller Booster Club.

Rene' is survived by her husband, Randy of Miller; children, Allison and Adam of Miller; father, George Engelmann and stepmother, Beth Kelsey of Ree Heights; siblings: Melita (Phil) Wiedenman of Huron, Connie (Bob) Templeton of Ree Heights, Chris (John) Niederauer of Miller, Gary (Kathy) Engelmann of Baxter, MN, and Lori (David) Fremark of St. Lawrence and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Leona.



*Celebrating*  
**Rene' Bertsch**



February 22, 1958  
Miller, South Dakota

June 26, 2012  
Miller, South Dakota

**PRAYER SERVICE**

1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 1, 2012  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2012  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor David Winterfeldt  
Pastor Dr. Beth Kelsey

**USHERS**

Dawn Joy  
Mike & Peggy Namanny

**SCRIPTURE READER**

David Fremark

**ORGANIST**

Janice Kost

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*  
*"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*  
*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

**INURNMENT**

St. Lawrence Cemetery  
St. Lawrence, South Dakota