

Bertha Ruzicka, 96, of Miller, passed away Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller.

Bert was born at home in Harrison Township, Hand County, South Dakota on December 5, 1918. She was one of six children. Her parents were Anna (Vopat) and Edward Schmidt of Harrison Township, South Dakota. Bert married Joe Ruzicka on November 27, 1945 at St. Ann's Church in Miller, South Dakota. Bert lived in Miller her entire adult life.

Bert was educated in country schools in Hand County. She was a member of St. Ann's parish and served on the Altar Society. Joe and Bert loved to travel and traveled throughout the United States and Canada in their Airstream. Bert enjoyed cooking and was an avid gardener. She always had great garden tomatoes and beautiful houseplants.

Bert is survived by her three children: Jim Ruzicka and his wife Peer Kling of Sandia Park, New Mexico, Patty Ruzicka of Louisville, Kentucky, and Jerry and his wife Cathy Ruzicka of Lake City, Florida; three grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Her nieces and nephews held a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents Anna Vopat Schmidt and Edward Schmidt; her siblings: Joe Schmidt, Ben Schmidt, Marie Bullard, Francis Schmidt, and Paul Schmidt; and her husband, Joe Ruzicka.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful professionals at Highmore Health and Courtyard Villa who made her final years happy and safe. A special thanks goes to Marcia and husband Loren Stulken, Bob and Glenda Leisinger and Dennis Ruzicka for all their love and support.

Arrangements Entrusted To



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In Loving Memory



Bertha Veronica Ruzicka

December 5, 1918 – March 9, 2015



THE SHEAF OF WHEAT...
SYMBOL OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

The seeds of faith are sown in the
human personality and grow into the
mature faith of the Christian
man or woman.

The sown seed must lose its life in order
that it may develop and
grow and multiply.

So symbolically, a sheaf of wheat is used
by Christians to mark the passing
of a fellow Christian.

Death is not the end
but the beginning of life eternal.

The mature grain in the sheaf is the direct
symbol of the Resurrection –
the life beyond the grave,
the fulfillment of the
promises of Jesus Christ.

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ROSARY SERVICE:

4:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2015
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2015
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

CELEBRANT: Father Chester Murtha

CASKETBEARERS:

Patty Ruzicka – Jim Ruzicka – Loren Stulken
Bob Leisinger – Tim McMahon – Pete DeGeest

LECTOR: Nan Donlin

ORGANIST: Connie Schroeder

VOCALIST: St. Ann's Choir

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
"Panis Angelicus"
Spirit Song"
"Celtic Song of Farewell"
"How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT:

St. Ann's Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota