



Hope Strength

CELEBRATING A LIFE

## Ruth L. Fratzke

September 20, 1923 - September 8, 2015

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 12, 2015

First Presbyterian Church

Miller, South Dakota

**MINISTER:** Rev. Brian Jones

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Jerry Harvey - Derek Major - Jason Dyer

Bruce Shepherd - Melissa Adler - Doug Heilman

**ORGANIST:** Janet Fritzsche

**VOCALISTS:** Carolyn Gutzmer & McKenzie Adler

**MUSIC SELECTIONS:**

" How Great Thou Art "

" Amazing Grace "

" Blessed Assurance "

**INTERMENT:**

G.A.R. Cemetery

Miller, South Dakota

*Arrangements Entrusted To*  
**Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota**  
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# Memories

My mother is a *treasure*  
that I carry in my heart,  
Her memory is safely kept within.  
All the love she spent on me  
is held in sweet reserve;  
Every kiss & every touch  
and every precious grin.  
I'll miss the many things she was,  
the special things she did.  
Each one will be remembered gratefully.  
Though I will miss her through the years,  
I'm comforted to know.  
She's with her LORD.  
We'll meet again and share *eternity*.

Ruth L. Fratzke, 91, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Miller.

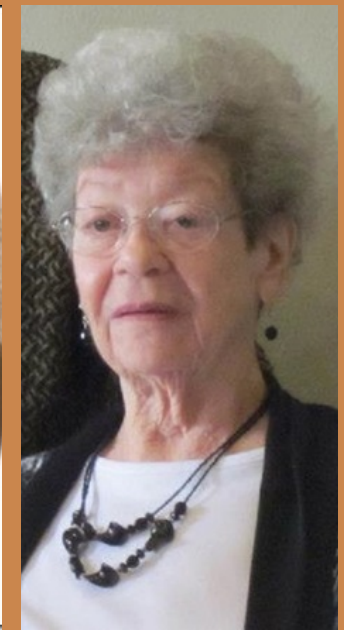
Ruth Louise was born at her parents', Lyle Eugene (Gene) and Lois Berniece (Templeton) Morrison, rural home south of Wessington. She is the third child of seven children, consisting of one boy and six girls. She received her elementary education in the rural Hand County schools Prairie View School and the McNeil School. She attended her freshman year at Wessington High School. She graduated from Miller High School in 1942. With her parent's approval to become a registered nurse, she graduated from the Methodist State Hospital, Mitchell, SD, in June 1945.

Ruth enjoyed her nursing positions in Montana, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Oregon, Aberdeen, and Miller, SD. She retired from nursing in June of 1994. Ruth was united in marriage to Edwin Henry Bahr May 4, 1946. In November of 1964 they were divorced. To this union two daughters and two sons were born. Ruth married Robert Arthur "Bob" Fratzke on May 28, 1971.

Ruth and Bob were married 41 years. They enjoyed fishing, playing cards, dancing and visiting with family and friends. Ruth spent her retirement thoroughly enjoying her research on genealogy. She did many beautiful cross stitch pictures that decorated their home. Ruth was christened September 25, 1994 in the First Presbyterian Church. Ruth was an active member of the Eastern Star and VFW Auxiliary.

Ruth is survived by her children: David (Donna) Bahr, Marysville, CA, Sylvia Bandy, Lubbock, TX, and Duane Robert (Bob) Bahr, Rapid City, SD; and Bob's children: Carl (Glennis) Fratzke, Merle (Bobbi) Fratzke and Mary (Graham) Lawrie; two sisters, Roberta Harvey and Carolyn (Walt) Gutzmer; grandchildren: Cathleen Bahr Blackwell, Debra Bahr, David Bahr, Carrie Bahr, Robert (Bobby) Brenden, Jennifer Frazier and Travis (Trey) Bandy; step grandchildren: Monte Fratzke, Michelle Fratzke Buffetta, Robyn Fratzke Ragsdale, Melissa Dyer Adler, Jason Dyer and Lisa Dyer Shepherd; and numerous great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; her daughter, Vicki Lynn; her brother, Vere Morrison; and sisters: Lucille Heilman, Helen Kramlich, and Lois Jean Yost.



*Loving Memory* Honor