

**When I Must Leave You**

When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
live on and do all things the same;  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die.  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

*Peaceful Memories*



*In Loving Memory*  
CELEBRATING A LIFE

**Memorial Mass:**

10:00 a.m., Monday, January 11, 2016  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Celebrant:** Father Chester Murtha

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

All Her Many Friends

**Ushers:** Dennis Simons & Rick Losey

**Lectors:** Kevin Speirs & Amy Reber

**Organist:** Connie Schroeder

**Vocalist:** St. Ann's Choir  
Kendra Gortmaker & Cassandra Coss

**Music Selections:**

"Be Not Afraid" - "On Eagle's Wings"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"  
"Song of Farewell" - "How Great Thou Art"

*Hope Strength*

Arrangements Entrusted To  
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota  
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*Remembering*  
THE LIFE OF

**Tara Marie Koeck**

July 27, 1973 - January 6, 2016



*Hunger is the  
Best Salt  
in the  
World*

Tara Koeck, 42, of Ree Heights, lost her hard fought battle with cancer on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, surrounded by her husband, children, and mother. She believed till her last breath, she would beat cancer, sadly it was not to be.

Tara Marie Koeck was born July 27, 1973 in Huron SD to Scott and Fran (Speirs) Hunt. She lived in Scottsbluff, Nebraska for a few years before moving to Gillette, Wyoming, where she attended grade school and high school, graduating in 1991. After graduation she spent time at Hart Ranch with her grandparents Keith and Geri Speirs before moving to Miller with them where she met and married the love of her life, Joe Koeck, on August 12, 1994. She lived and raised her five children with Joe on the family farm in Ree Heights until her death.

Tara loved camping, fishing, cooking and caring for her family. Her love of cooking led her to own and operate Bob's Drive-In for many years, she had many loyal customers and friends at Bob's and was heartbroken when her cancer treatments kept her from continuing to stay open.

She was survived by her husband, Joe of Ree Heights; two sons: Alan (Deidee) Koeck of Parkston and Ryan Koeck of Ree Heights; three daughters: Leanne, Lisa and Alicia Koeck of Ree Heights; mother-in-law, Agnes Koeck of Miller; mother, Fran Blair of Ree Heights; sister, Valerie Schaeftbauer of Rapid City; aunt, Cindy (John) Arland of Miller; brothers and sisters-in-law: Paul (Sheri) Koeck of Saint Lawrence, Jerry (Judy) Koeck of Miller, Tim (Lori) Koeck of Ree Heights, Sheila Tople of Plankinton, Sharon (Alan) Kingsley of Sioux Falls, Diane (Jim) Beidler of Faulkton, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tara was preceded in death by her father, Scott Hunt; baby sister, Jill Suzanne Hunt; father-in-law, Francis Koeck; stepfather, Stephan Blair; maternal grandparents, Keith and Geri Speirs; paternal grandparents, Russell and Florence Hunt; great grandparents, Hank and Alice Timm.

