

Celebration of Life

O Jesus, You are my true friend.

*You share all my troubles;
You take them on Yourself and
Change them into blessings.*

*I find You everywhere;
You never go away.
If I have to change my dwelling,
I find You wherever I go.*

*You are never weary of listening to me;
You are never tired of doing good for me.
I am certain of being loved by You.*

*Death, which tears us away from all
Other friends,
Will unite me forever with you.
Grant, Jesus that I may die passing You,
That I may die loving You,
That I may die for love of You.*

Amen

St. Claude la Columbiere



Denna M. Eschenbaum

1926 - 2016

*A Mother Holds
her children's hands
for awhile...*

Their hearts forever.

Arrangements Entrusted To



*Miller, South Dakota
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Donna Marie Eschenbaum, 90, of Miller, went peacefully to be with her Lord as promised in baptism on June 15, 2016 at Avera Health and Rehab in Mitchell, SD where she has lived for 5 years.

Donna Marie Beaner was born April 2, 1926 to Rupert and Mary (Lambertz) Beaner at her grandparents' farm near Dolton, SD. She was the oldest of 16 children. When she was a few months old her parents moved to a farm northeast of St. Lawrence, SD. She attended school in St. Lawrence and graduated from Miller High School in 1944.

Donna married Robert Lee Eschenbaum on November 28, 1944. They spent the next 53 years together on the farm south of Miller where they raised their eight children. After Robert's passing in 1997, she moved to an apartment in Miller in 2001. Donna spent her whole life working hard, first on her parents' farm and then on their own farm. She saw many days of struggle and worry yet never lost her faith in what the Lord would provide. She will always be remembered for her great cooking, card parties, sense of humor, and willingness to lend a hand to neighbors or anyone in need.

Donna was a lifelong member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Miller. She also served on the St. Ann's Altar Society, funeral committee and taught 4th grade CCD for a number of years.

Thankful to have shared her life are her eight children: Roberta Merxbauer of Tracy, MN; Carol (Wes) Sanborn of Julietta, ID; Janet (Doug) Arneson of Prior Lake, MN; Ann (Jack) Aalbers of Mitchell; Jim (Teresa) Eschenbaum of Miller; Mary (Dan) Hargens of Stevensville, MT; Lori Eschenbaum of Mitchell; and Sally (Tom) Sprigler of Spearfish; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her siblings: Charlotte Molander, Irene Fanning, Roger (Jodi) Beaner, Jim (Sharon) Beaner, Lloyd (Murial) Beaner, Richard Beaner, Chuck (Judy) Beaner, Sandra (Darwin) Knutson, Ramona (Darrell) Lewis, Dianne Knight, Mary Butler, Ellen (Bruce) Rook, and Rita Tibbetts; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Gary Terbell, Duane (Bobby) Eschenbaum, Mary Ann Clodt, JoDean (Vernon) Joy, Ole Harrell and too many nieces, nephews and cousins to count.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents, Rupert and Mary Beaner; parents-in-law: Henry and Lena Eschenbaum; brother, Donald Beaner; sister, Linda Terbell; granddaughters, Darci Merxbauer and Jesse Lee Aalbers; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Ray Molander, Jack Fanning, Nina Beaner, Mike Butler, Harrold (Vonnie) Eschenbaum, and Ruth Harrell.

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April 2, 1926
Dolton, South Dakota

June 15, 2016
Mitchell, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Monday, June 20, 2016

St. Ann's Catholic Church – Miller, South Dakota

CELEBRANT: Father Chester Murtha

CASKETBEARERS:

David Merxbauer – Matthew Sanborn – Michael Sanborn
Scott Arneson – Nick Arneson – Jason Aalbers
Rick Eschenbaum – Kristopher Hargens

USHERS: Dennis Simons & John Beaner

LECTORS: Mike Beaner & Bill Beaner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pat Beaner & Mary Bechen

GIFTBEARERS: Sally, Tom, Jobi, & Madalen Sprigler

ORGANIST: Connie Schroeder

VOCALISTS: St. Ann's Choir
Anna Simons – Rick Eschenbaum

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"Hail, Mary, Gentle Woman" – "On Eagle's Wings" – "Ave Maria"
"Spirit Song" – "The Sweetest Story Ever Told"
"Song of Farwell" – "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT:

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota