

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of the day
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
 A friendship shared,
 a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life has been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

In Loving Memory
 CELEBRATING A LIFE

Prayer & Rosary Service:

6:30 p.m., Sunday, February 12, 2017
 St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial:

11:00 a.m., Monday, February 13, 2017
 St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, South Dakota

Celebrants: Father Jim Friedrich, Father Chester Murtha

Casketbearers:

David Lang, Michael Lang, Ward Knippling,
 Jacob Knippling, Ben Knippling,
 Henry Knippling, William Knippling

Ushers: Randy Knippling & Ryan Knippling

Altar Servers: Maggie & William Knippling

Readers: Tina Kirkpatrick & Mark Nesladek

Giftbearers: Mike Dalzell & Michael Hall

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Werdel & Mary Hendricks

Musicians: All of Mary Lou's Grandchildren
 Connie Schroeder, Darcy Pugh,
 Kim Jensen, Lana Kopplin, Shaly Werdel,

Music Selections:

"On this Day, O Beautiful Mother"
 "On Eagle's Wings", "Prayer of St. Francis"
 "I am the Bread of Life", "Amazing Grace"
 "Song of Farewell", "How Great Thou Art"

Hope Strength
Interment:
 St. Placidus Catholic Cemetery - Duncan, South Dakota



Mary Lou Knippling

March 8, 1938 - February 8, 2017

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave
 His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in
 Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
 John 3:16*



Mary Lou Knippling, 78, of Gann Valley, passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

On March 8, 1938, Mary Louise was born at home in Kennebec, SD to Nels and Margaret (Lippens) Johnson. At age 3 the family moved to Mitchell, SD. She attended Norte Dame Catholic grade school and high school in Mitchell, SD. She attended Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD. She walked everywhere and didn't learn how to drive until her husband Donald taught her.

Mary Lou met Donald Knippling at Ray's Western Wear in Chamberlain. She was working at the Abstract Company there at the time. Donald asked her out and to supper at the Legion Club that evening. They were married on May 16, 1959 and to this union five children were born. She kept the accounting books for the ranch corporation for over 40 years. She was very active in the planning and preparation of the annual bull sale.

Mary Lou was an amazing cook and often cooked for a table full of hired hands. Every grand kid fought for a loaf of her raisin bread. She was an avid reader, loved to discuss politics and always helped with election polls every year. She was active in Altar Society, parish women, 4-H and taught catechism. She often out fished her husband, Donald.

Honor *Loving Memory*

Mary Lou loved her grandkids and great-grandkids and was so proud of all the accomplishments and loved to tell everyone about them.

Grateful to have shared in her life was her husband, Donald of 57 ½ years; children: Allan (Mary) Knippling of Gann Valley, Suzanne (Bill Davis) Ferguson of Sioux Falls, Jeanne Knippling of Bemidji, MN, Tim (Brandi) Knippling of Huron, Jackie (Mike) Dalzell of Ekalaka, MT; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Nels and Margaret Johnson; sisters: Colleen Nesladek and Carol Byrne; three granddaughters: Natalie, Delaney and Sydney, son-in-law: Durward "Woody" Lang.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials directed to South Dakota Right to Life, 314 S Central Ave, Pierre, SD 57501.

Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
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