

*To Those I Love*

*When I am gone* , just release me,  
let me go - so I can move into my  
afterglow. *You mustn 't tie* me down  
with you tears; let's be happy  
that we had so many years. *I gave you*  
*my love*, you can only guess  
how much you gave me in happiness.  
*I thank you* for the love you each have  
shown, but now it's time i traveled on along.  
*So grieve for me* awhile, if grieve  
you must, then let your grief be comforted  
with trust. *It's only for a while* that  
we must part, so bless the memories within  
your heart. *And then* , when you must  
come this way alone, I'll greet you with  
a smile and a "*Welcome Home*"



*In Loving Memory*  
CELEBRATING A LIFE  
**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2017  
St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, South Dakota

**CELEBRANT:** Father Chester Murtha

**CASKETBEARERS:** Corey Mushitz, Heath Mushitz,  
Cody Naber, Casey Naber, Blake Kennedy,  
Carter Kennedy, Brian Crosby

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

All Marilyn's Grandchildren,  
Great Grandchildren, & Friends

**USHERS:** Mike Adams, Brad Adams, Scott Kunz

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Karly & Cassie Beckett

**PLACING OF PALL:** Holly Mushitz,  
Aspen & Jordan Taylor

**READERS:** Kori Blake, Coly Blake

**GIFTBEARERS:** Joni & Baylee Blake, Kelsey Kennedy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Cheri Knippling

**MUSICIANS:** Cleo Kleinsasser, Shaly Werdel,  
Darcy Pugh, Kim Jensen, St. Ann's Choir

**MUSIC SELECTIONS:**

"Be Not Afraid" , "On Eagle's Wings"  
"The Old Rugged Cross" , "Softly and Tenderly"  
"Hallelujah" , "Song of Farewell" , "Jealous of the Angels"

**INTERMENT:**

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

Hope Strength

Arrangments Entrusted To  
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, S.D.  
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In Loving Memory  
*Marilyn Blake*

*March 25, 1931 - February 13, 2017*





Marilyn E. Blake, 85, of St. Lawrence, SD died Monday, February 13, 2017 peacefully at home.

Marilyn Fritton Blake was born March 25, 1931 to Al and Catherine (Murphy) Fritton in Atkinson, NE. They moved to O'Neill in 1937. She graduated High School at St. Mary's Academy O'Neill NE in 1949 and St. Catherine's School of Nursing in Omaha, NE in 1952

She returned to O'Neill where she worked at the O'Neill Clinic and the hospital.

On August 25, 1954, she married Thomas Blake at St. Patrick's Church in O'Neill. They moved to Ree Heights, SD in 1958 where they farmed and ranched until moving to St. Lawrence in 1990.

She was employed at Highmore Health Care Center from 1972-1976 and the Prairie Good Samaritan Center from 1977-1992. After retiring from nursing she worked at Fairway Grocery, Tuckers Super Valu, and the Miller School District as a foster grandparent.

She was a faithful member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, choir, and altar society. She loved having her family present for family gatherings, holidays, and for Sunday morning breakfast. Her door was always open for whoever stopped by.

She is survived by five daughters: Nancy (Chuck) Fechner of Sioux Falls, Kathy Crosby of Cheyenne WY, Marsha Blake of St. Lawrence, Sandy Naber of St. Lawrence, and Renee (Todd) Kennedy of Beresford; two sons: Bob (Coly) Blake of Wessington and Brent (Kori) Blake of Miller; 22 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; one sister, Luanne (Gene) Adams; two nephews; two nieces and their spouses; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tom in 2004; an infant sister, Elaine; a 16 year old son, Brian; infant daughter, Rhonda; and an infant grandson, "little" Tommy Blake.

