

On Sunday, March 26, 2017, heaven welcomed a new angel, Mary Anne Lakner, 86, of Wessington, slipped peacefully from this earth, surrounded by her loving family at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Mary Anne Lichty was born July 25, 1930 to George Jr. and Cecelia (Simons) Lichty on the Simons family farm west of Wessington. She joined a brother, William, and the family later grew with the arrival of a brother, Paul, and sister, Agnes.

She attended grades 1-8 at the Springdale School. As a freshman in high school, she lived with relatives in Huron and attended Catholic high school there. Missing her family and friends, she returned home to finish high school in Wessington, graduating in 1948. Mary Anne went on to complete a short teacher certification program at Northern Normal College and taught one semester at a country school south of Wessington.

On June 21, 1949 she married her high school sweetheart, Stanlee Lakner, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They were attended by their best friends (as well as brother and sister) Bill and Luane (Lakner) Lichty. They honeymooned in the Black Hills before returning to Wessington to begin their life together on the John Lakner farm north of Wessington.

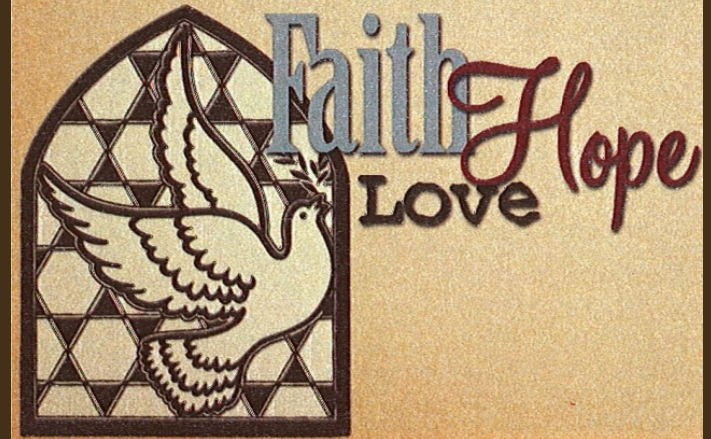
In 1957 they purchased the "Sam McGirr" place 3 1/2 miles north of Wessington and moved there with their young family. They were active members of the Wessington Community and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

When their youngest son returned to join the farming operation in 1981, they decided to build a new home across the road. Mary Anne spent many happy hours planning the new home which was her pride and joy. Retiring from active farming life, Mary Anne and Stanlee enjoyed fishing, doing battle with "one armed bandits", camping and traveling to visit family and friends. Mary Anne was probably one of the first and most loyal Twins baseball fan ever. She stuck with them through the good seasons and bad and never lost hope.

Mary Anne is survived by her husband of 67 years, Stanlee; her seven children: Kathleen (Ron) Innes, Oro Valley, AZ; Linda (Tim) Englert, Wadsworth, OH; Jim Lakner, Wessington; Joan (Paul) Caskey, Madison, WI; Jeff (Myrna) Lakner, Wessington; Lisa Lakner-Medrano, San Antonio, TX; and Chris (Bradley) Cordts, Germantown, TN; one sister, Agnes Koeck; four sisters-in-law, Luane Lichty, Evelyn Lichty, Vivian Jones, and Patricia Naber; thirteen grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mary Anne was preceded in death by her parents, George and Cecelia; and her brothers, Bill and Paul.

Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
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In Loving
M E M O R Y
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July 25, 1930 - March 26, 2017





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ROSARY & PRAYER SERVICE:

6:00 & 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Wessington, South Dakota

FUNERAL MASS:

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Wessington, South Dakota

CELEBRANT: Father Chester Murtha

CASKETBEARERS:

Andrew Lakner - Sean Caskey - Justin Englert
Tom Lichty - Lee Lichty - John Hoffmann

LECTORS: Kira Lakner Glaser,
Mara Jonet, Jill Kosonen

OFFERTORY: Joan Caskey - Jeff Lakner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Theresa Lichty

MUSICIANS: Jonnie Zvonek - St. Joseph's Choir

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

"Amazing Grace"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Be Not Afraid"
"Sing to the Mountains"
"On Eagles Wings"

INTERMENT:

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetary
Wessington, South Dakota

*Everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and
fellowship following the burial at the Wessington Gym*

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23