

Happy Birthday in Heaven

Is there a party up in Heaven
To celebrate today?
Did angels frost a cake for you?
Or sing to start your day?

Please know I'm thinking of you
As I go throughout each day
This day is very special though
Because it's your birthday

Out of the Ashes 2014

We're celebrating you down here
As they must be above
I truly hope your special day
Is filled with peace and love

This day was always special
As we gathered 'round here
We'd sing and laugh and celebrate
Your day with so much cheer

I miss those special moments
That we shared throughout the years
It's hard to find that on this day
My eyes now fill with tears

I'm trying hard to smile for you
But, ohhh...that empty chair...
I turn around and find myself
Still shocked that you're not there



Celebrating Kathryn Mae Schlechter

October 25, 1930 - October 18, 2019

"The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation." Psalms 118:14

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Kathryn M. Schlechter, 88, of Miller, passed away Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Kathryn Mae Wernsmann was born to Philip and Mary (Maloney) Wernsmann on October 25, 1930 at their ranch at Headlee Ranch in Washabaugh County, which is now part of Jackson County, South Dakota. She attended Headlee Ranch Country School. In 1942, the family moved to the Polo area. She attended St. Liborius Grade School and Fairview High School; graduating in 1948. She then attended Mount Marty College for her teaching certificate. She taught two years in Hand County country schools.

On June 12, 1951, she and Maurice Schlechter were married at St. Liborius Church at Polo and moved to a farm southwest of Polo where they farmed and raised nine children. She was a member of St. Liborius Church, St. Liborius Christian Mothers, and the St. Liborius Altar Society. She enjoyed raising a large garden and preserving the produce, sewing and quilting, and attending the children and grandchildren's sporting events.

Her memory will be cherished by her children: Doris (Randy) Juhnke, Mike Schlechter, Ted (JoEllen) Schlechter, Mary (Kevin) Neuhauser, Jean (Kevin) Engen, Carol (Mike) Goodrich, Rob (Sheila) Schlechter, Cindy (Gaylon) Gerber, and Kathy (Jeff) Schulz; sister, Betty Schlechter; sister-in-law, Geraldine Wernsmann; 21 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Maurice in 2014; brothers: James, Edward (Charlotte), Phil (Sally), Ralph, and Bernard; sisters: Marie (Wayne) Mattson, Mildred (Sister Marina) Wernsmann, Lucille (Alvin) Anglin, and Dorothy (Edmund) Zens; grandson, Jack Schulz; and granddaughter, Kimberly Juhnke.

A Life Celebrated
Kathryn M. Schlechter

October 25, 1930
Washabaugh County (Jackson County),
South Dakota

October 18, 2019
Miller,
South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:
10:30 a.m., Friday, October 25, 2019
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

CELEBRANT:
Father Paul Josten

CASKETBEARERS: Grandsons
Brian Juhnke – Jarad Schlechter – Matthew Schlechter
Brady Schlechter – Nick Neuhauser – Lucas Engen
Casey Schlechter – Connor Gerber – Zachary Schulz – †Jack Schulz

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: Granddaughters
†Kimberly Juhnke – Mallory Schlechter – Sarah Bedney
Brianna Neuhauser – Rachael Maag – Kristi VanDeRostyne
Amy Feterl – Reba Goodrich – Brandi Umberger
Kayla Rensink – Chelsey Schlechter
Shelby Gerber – Megan Schulz

USHERS:
Luke Wernsmann - Alan Schlechter

LECTORS:
Matthew Schlechter - Brady Schlechter

MUSICIANS:
Connie Schroeder
St. Ann's Choir

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:
"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"Be Not Afraid"

INTERMENT:
Mount Calvary Cemetery
Polo, South Dakota