



God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered "Come with me."

With tearful eyes  
We watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We would not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

*In Loving Memory*  
**CELEBRATING A LIFE**

**Visitation:**

1:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Memorial Service:**

2:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Celebrant:** Father Paul Josten

**Casketbearers:**

Joshua Koeck, Jesse Koeck, Stephen Koeck,  
Alan Koeck, Ryan Koeck, & Kurt Beidler

**Honorary Casketbearers:**

Sheryl Kaphle, Roxy Tople, Allison Kingsley,  
April Kingsley, Rebekah Koeck,  
Angela Krein, Christina Koeck,  
Misti Penmetcha, Rachel Koeck,  
Sarah Koeck, Leanne Koeck,  
Lisa Koeck, Alisha Koeck, & Courtney Beidler

**Musicians:**

Connie Schroeder - Werdel Girls

**Musical Selections:**

"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Hallelujah"  
"St. Francis' Prayer"

**Inurnment:**

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

**Agnes C. Koeck**  
June 9, 1934 - April 11, 2021



On Sunday, April 11, 2021 heaven welcomed a new angel, Agnes Cecelia Koeck, 86, of Miller, slipped away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Agnes Cecelia Lichty was born June 9, 1934 to George Jr. and Cecelia (Simons) Lichty on the Simons family farm west of Wessington. She joined brothers, William and Paul and a sister Mary Anne.

She attended the Springdale Country School, a short walk from home. Her favorite part of school was the running races. She often talked about on how fast she was, placing 1st in many races. After school, Agnes went to visit her Aunt Mary and Aunt Margaret in California, loved it, and stayed for a few years working and enjoying time with her aunts. She returned home to Wessington after her father's passing.

Agnes and Francis met, after a no-show blind date with Francis' brother Gayle. A short time later, on October 17, 1955, she married Francis Koeck at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Their attendants were Agnes' brother, Paul, and Francis' sister, Carolyn. Agnes's love of California took them on a two-week honeymoon there. While there, they visited the newly opened Disneyland, being some of the first people in the area to visit. Afterwards, upon returning to Ree Heights, they began their life together on the Koeck family farm east of Ree Heights.

She was an active member of the St. Bernadette's Altar Society Band and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Agnes and Francis moved to Ree Heights upon retiring from an active farming life. Agnes could often be found at the Ree Heights grocery store, visiting with family and friends. She had a knack for remembering many things, especially dates. Never forgetting the birthdays and anniversaries of those closest to her and always making sure everyone had a special gift to open, she enjoyed making her family smile.

Agnes is survived by her six children: Paul (Sheri) Koeck, St. Lawrence, SD; Sheila Tople Irene, SD; Sharon (Alan) Kingsley, Harrisburg, SD; Jerry (Judy) Koeck, Miller, SD; Joe Koeck, Ree Heights, SD; Diane (Jim) Beidler, Faulkton, SD; 20 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Francis; son, Timothy (Lori); daughter-in-law, Tara Koeck; granddaughter, Amanda Kingsley; great grandson, Leo Krein; parents: George and Cecelia; brothers: Bill and Paul; and sister, Mary Anne.



Arrangements Entrusted by  
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