

## COMFORT TO THOSE WHO MOURN

So many people see in death nothing but a cruel separation from loved ones. Even good and religious people make that sad mistake.

In death, there is certainly the very real pain and sorrow of physical separation. But it is equally true that our loved ones remain with us. They do not just go off to some dark and distant place. They simply continue into eternal life. We do not see them because we are still in the darkness of this world. But their spiritual eyes filled with the light of heaven, are always watching us as they wait for the day when we shall share their perfect joy. We are born for heaven, and we end this life of tears to begin our life of endless happiness.

I have often reflected upon this beautiful truth and found it the greatest and surest comfort in time of mourning. A firm faith in the real and continual presence of our loved ones has brought conviction and consolation that death has not destroyed them, nor carried them away. Rather it has given them life! A life with power, to know fully and to love perfectly. With this new life and new power, our loved ones are always present to us, knowing and loving us more than ever before.

The tears that dampen our eyes in times of mourning are tears of homesickness, tears of longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home, not they! Death has been for them a doorway to an eternal home. They are still with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. It is such mistake to see death as a separation and nothing more. For us who believe, death is preparation for eternal union with those we love, in the peace and joy of heaven.

### Visitation:

6:00 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2022  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

### Rosary/Wake:

7:00 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2022  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

### Funeral Mass:

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Celebrant:** Father Paul Josten

### Casketbearers:

Christopher Hamiel - Patrick Hamiel  
Alexis Hamiel - Eric Hamiel  
Marc Hamiel - Scott Hamiel

### Honorary Casketbearers:

All Marge's Grandchildren

**Lectors:** Patrick Hamiel  
Eric Hamiel

**Placing of the Pall:** Jennifer Shaffer  
Kate Waring  
Lera Hamiel

**Vocalists:** Werdel Sisters

### Musical Selections:

"On Eagle's Wings" #437  
"Old Rugged Cross"  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"  
"Dawning of the Day"

### Interment:

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

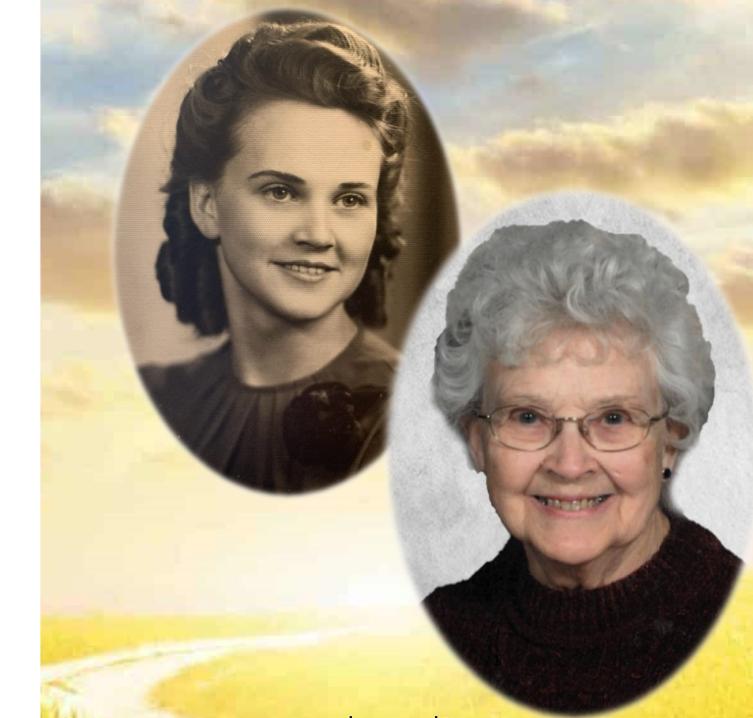


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Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota  
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*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

# Margaret E Hamiel

September 15, 1925 - January 26, 2022



May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be **ALWAYS**  
at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

And the rains fall soft upon your fields,

*And until  
we meet again,*

May GOD hold you in the  
palm of His *hand*.



Margaret Hamiel, 96, of Miller, passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society, Miller, surrounded by her family.

Margaret (Sweeney) Hamiel was born September 15, 1925, in Winner, South Dakota to Frank & Viola (Paine) Sweeney. She grew up south of Kennebec, South Dakota on a family farm and graduated from Kennebec High School in 1943. She then went on to Omaha to work with the World War II relief efforts. After a few years there, she moved back to Kennebec and while attending a dance one evening, she met the love of her life, Robert W. Hamiel. To this union, three sons were born: Greg 1956, Tom 1958, and Vince 1960. In 1963, Bob and Marge moved their young family to Miller, and they started their own home improvement business, and she ran the company finances until her retirement.

Religion was an incredibly important part of Marge's life. She was a lifelong member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she was on the St. Ann's altar society committee, a CCD teacher, and eucharistic minister. Marge was always available and offering to help in any capacity she could. Some of her favorite activities involved bowling, playing cards with her bridge club, vacationing with her husband (especially to Hawaii), and you would always find her in the stands supporting any and all of her sons' sporting events.

After completing a genealogy research study, Marge was found to be 100% Irish. You would often hear her say "I am the luckiest mother in the world", but we all knew that we were the lucky ones. She loved her grandchildren just as dearly, but not near as much as they adored her.

Grandma was never short on her special chocolate chip cookies and treats. The Schwan's man must have nearly gone out of business the day she moved into the nursing home, as she always had her fridge stocked full of goodies for all who visited. Marge was a sweet, kind-hearted person who always put everyone else's needs before her own. As her family gathers to celebrate her life, there is no shortage of fond memories, laughs, and an overwhelming feeling of how lucky we were to know her and be loved by her.

Marge's whole family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and residents at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller for all the love and care they showed Marge in her time there.

Left to celebrate her life are her sons: Greg (Cheryl) Hamiel, Tom (Jean) Hamiel, and Vince (Kerry) Hamiel; grandchildren: Chris (Teresa) Hamiel, Jennifer (Evan) Shaffer, Eric (Kris) Hamiel, Patrick (Chrissy) Hamiel, Marc (Kelsi) Hamiel, Scott Hamiel, Kate (Jake) Waring, Alexis Hamiel, and Lera Hamiel; great grandchildren: Taylor Young, Sommer Hamiel, Emeri Hamiel, Eliza Hamiel, Hobbes Hamiel, Trey Hamiel, Hunter Wipf-Hamiel, and Langston Waring.

Marge was greeted in Heaven by her husband, Robert Hamiel; parents: Frank & Viola Sweeney; and siblings: Barbara Hubbard, Jean Whitney, and Bill Sweeney.

