

Today my soul is reaching out  
For something that's unknown,  
I cannot grasp or fathom it  
For it's known to God alone  
I cannot hold or harness it  
Or put it into form  
For it's as uncontrollable  
As the wind before the storm  
I know not where it came from  
or whether it will go  
for its as inexplicable  
as the restless that blow  
And like the wind it too will pass  
and leave nothing more behind  
Than the "Memory of a Mystery"  
That blew across my mind  
But like the wind it will return  
To keep reminding me  
That everything that has been  
Is what again will be  
For there is nothing that is new  
Beneath God's timeless sun,  
And present, past and future  
Are all molded into one  
And east and west and north and south  
The same wind keeps on blowing  
While rivers run on endlessly  
Yet the seas not overflowing  
And the restless unknown longing  
Of my searching soul won't cease  
Until God comes in glory  
And my soul at last finds peace.

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

***Irene Fanning***

*September 16, 1929 - March 20, 2022*





Irene Mae Fanning, 92, of Miller, passed away, March 20, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society, Miller.

Irene was the third of sixteen children born to Rupert H. and Mary K. (Lambertz) Beaner on September 16, 1929. She was born in the old Miller Hospital, above the grocery store on the corner of Main Street and Third Street. Irene was baptized by Father Schilling at the St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She spent her entire life living in St. Lawrence, Hand County. She attended eight years of grade school at Rosedale Rural Country School in York Township. Irene completed her freshman year in Dolton, South Dakota, living with her maternal grandparents. She finished the rest of her schooling at St. Lawrence public school.

She married Jack D. Fanning on December 30, 1947, this marriage blessed them with eight children: one daughter and seven sons.

They made their home in St. Lawrence for twenty years, then five years on the farm then back into St. Lawrence. Irene enjoyed reading, traveling, cooking, baking, sewing, and collecting cookbooks. She especially loved making casseroles and trying new recipes. She often said she could read a cookbook like a novel.

Irene is survived by four sons and their wives: John (Penny), Gerald (Bobbi), Jeffrey (Sherry) and Randy (Teresa); one son-in-law, James (Victoria) Gentile; one daughter-in-law, Bobi Wagner Fanning; 17 grandchildren: James Gentile, Jr., Brett Gentile, Heath Fanning, Quentin Fanning, Blaine Fanning, Brandy Fanning, Bobbi Joe Peterson, Jesse Fanning, Jacki Dawson, Derek Fanning, Jack Fanning, Katrina Damon, Matthew Fanning, Brittany Rihaneck, Eric Fanning, Rhett Wagner and Camrynn Wagner; 35 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; five sisters: Ramona Lewis, Sandra Knudtson, Diann Knight, Mary Ann Butler and Ellen Rook; two brothers: James and Charles; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack in 1997; daughter, Marlene in 2006; sons: Michael in 1964, Joel in 1973 and Jay in 2015; one granddaughter, Sara; her parents; in-laws; four brothers: Donald, Roger, Lloyd, and Richard; and four sisters: Donna Eschenbaum, Charlotte Molander, Linda Terbell and Rita Tibbitts.

**Rosary/Prayer Service:**

5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 27, 2022

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Miller, South Dakota

**Rosary Leader:** Dan Coss

**Funeral Mass:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2022

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Miller, South Dakota

**Officiant:** Father Paul Josten

**Lectors:** Brittany Rihaneck - Claire Rihaneck

**Casketbearers:**

James Gentile, Jr. - Brett Gentile

Heath Fanning - Quentin Fanning - Blaine Fanning

Jesse Fanning - Derek Fanning - Jack Fanning

Matthew Fanning - Eric Fanning - Rhett Wagner

**Placing of the Pall:**

Brandy Fanning - Bobbi Joe Peterson - Brittany Rihaneck

Jacki Dawson - Katrina Damon - Camrynn Wagner

**Ushers:** Jim Eschenbaum

Craig Price

**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Beaner

**Musicians:**

Connie Schroeder - St. Ann's Choir

"Ave Maria" - Annie Fulton

**Musical Selections:**

"On Eagle's Wings" #437

"Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore" #496

"Song of Farewell" #833

"Here, I Am Lord" #394

*The family would like to invite everyone  
for lunch and fellowship at the Community Center  
immediately following burial*