

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
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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) Beamer 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 Rihanek, 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 Rihanek - Claire Rihanek

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 Rihanek
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*