

When troubles surround us  
When evils come  
The body grows weak  
The spirit grows numb  
When these things beset us  
He doesn't forget us  
He sends down His love  
On the wings of a dove

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Mary Lois Shaw

March 29, 1933 - October 24, 2023



Mary Shaw, 90, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Mary was the fifth child of eight born to Jesse and Lorraine (Joyner) Fieldsend. Mary and her seven siblings lost their parents at an early age. Because of a strong sense of love and family, their father's sister "Auntie" (Laura) and husband, Jay Rath welcomed them into their home. Mary and her siblings were eternally grateful, as this made it possible for them to stay together as a family.

As a young teenager, Mary left home for Rapid City, SD, where she met and eventually married Eugene (Gene) Shaw. Due to Gene's career with the federal Department of Justice, they resided in Arizona, North Dakota, British Columbia, Michigan, and eventually Scobey, Montana. When Gene retired, they remained in Scobey until 2012, when they returned to South Dakota. While in Scobey, Mary and Gene had owned and operated two small businesses – a fast-food drive-in and a floral shop.

Mary enjoyed and became proficient in Hardanger embroidery (a form of needlecraft involving counted and drawn thread work) - sharing many of her finished works with family and friends. Mary especially cherished her times visiting with family during several summer trips to Pennsylvania and retreats to the Black Hills with her sisters "the sisters". While "the sisters" didn't share too many details about their adventures and shenanigans, we cousins got the idea that there was much laughter and gossip.

She is survived by her son, Tony (Sheila); grandchildren: Rebecca (Daniel) Whitsel, Stacey Batista, and Aaron (Jazmin) Shaw; great-granddaughters: Julianna, Ava, and Saylor Whitsel and Alexis, Genevieve, and Mylie Batista; sisters: Kay Henson and Marlys Marlow; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; her parents: Jesse and Lorraine; Auntie and Jay Rath; brothers: Willis and Neil Fieldsend; and sisters: Darlene Konrad, Janice Houdek, and Laura Spargur.



**Funeral Service:** 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, November 6, 2023  
First Presbyterian Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Minister:** Rev. Robert Brooks

***Pallbearers: Nephews***

Gale Auch  
Jim Henson  
Randy Houdek  
Tim Houdek  
Jeff Konrad  
Jesse Marlow

***Honorary Pallbearers:***

All Mary's many  
Nieces & Nephews

***Musician:***

Janice Palmer

***Musical Selections:***

"Amazing Grace"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"

***Interment at a later date:***

Highmore Cemetery  
Highmore, South Dakota