



**Mothers Never Die...  
They Just Keep House In The Sky**

When we are children, we are happy and gay  
And our mother is young  
and she laughs as we play,  
Then as we grow up, she teaches us truth  
And lays life's foundation in the days of our youth  
And then it is time for us to leave home  
But her teachings go with us wherever we roam,  
For all that she taught us and all that we did  
When we were so often just such a "bad, little kid"  
We will often remember and then realize  
That mothers are special and wonderfully wise...  
And as she grows older, we look back with love  
Knowing that Mothers are gifts from above.  
And when she goes home to receive her reward  
She will dwell in God's Kingdom and  
"Keep house for the Lord"  
Where she'll "light up" the stars  
that shine through the night  
And keep all the moonbeams  
"sparkling and bright"  
And then with the dawn  
she'll put the darkness away  
As she scours the sun to new brilliance each day...  
So dry tears of sorrow, for Mother's don't die  
They just move in with God  
and "keep house in the sky"  
And there in God's Kingdom,  
mothers watch from above  
To welcome the children with undying love!

Arrangements Entrusted To  
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota  
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**- IN LOVING -  
MEMORY**



*Mary Ann Sivertsen*

October 6, 1931 - May 9, 2023

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# *Mary Ann Sivertsen*

1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Community Church of St. Lawrence

### OFFICIATING

Pastor Jim Hofman

### CASKETBEARERS

Lee Sivertsen, Landon Sivertsen, Leon Garrett,  
Levi Garrett, Rance Sivertsen, Derrick Haskins,  
AJ Bunker, Jim Cronk

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All of Mary Ann's Grandchildren  
& Great Grandchildren

### SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER

Derrick Haskins

Eph. 2:1-10 & 1 Peter 1:1-9

### PIANIST

Janelle Jessen

### VOCALIST

Brian Bergeleen

"His Eyes on the Sparrow"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"He Lives"

### INTERMENT

Morningside Cemetery  
Ree Heights, South Dakota

Please join the family for fellowship  
immediately following the funeral service.

Mary Ann Sivertsen, 91, of Ree Heights, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society, Miller.

Mary Ann Fraser was born October 6, 1931, at Chamberlain, SD, to Clifton and Gertrude (Stephens) Fraser. She received her elementary education in Buffalo and Hand Counties. Mary Ann graduated from Miller High School in 1948 at the age of 16. She worked at First National Bank of Miller until October 1953 when she married Leland Sivertsen of Ree Heights. Five children were born to this union: Randy, Sandy, Mike, LeAnn, and Susan.

Mary Ann loved making people feel at home. She enjoyed making wonderful meals for her family, friends, the silage crew, or a load of rodeo cowboys passing through for the night. She was known for her fried chicken, dinner rolls, caramel rolls, apple pie, and crabapple jelly.

She loved her family and equipped her children with the skills they needed in life. She was an excellent seamstress who patiently taught her daughters and granddaughters to sew. Mary Ann was supportive of her children's and grandchildren's activities, whether she was sitting in the rodeo stands with her pen and clipboard in hand or sitting in the audience at a sporting or fine arts event.

Mary Ann cared about serving her community. She was an active member of the Ree Heights Community Church serving as a Sunday school teacher, VBS teacher, and deaconess. She served as the Ree Heights town treasurer and served on the Ree Heights Cemetery Board. She was involved in the VFW Auxiliary, Hilltop Grange, AQHA, Highmore Round-Up Club, 4-H Leader, and ASCS employee organizations.

She worked at the Prairie Good Samaritan Center in

Miller from 1975 to 1977. Then she accepted a position with the ASCS office, retiring after 19 years. After her retirement, she worked part-time for Pioneer Garage in Highmore as well as DakotaMart in Pierre.

Mary Ann was a kind, generous, and loving person. She depended on her Savior, Jesus, for strength and served as an example of quiet faithfulness.

Grateful to have shared her life are her five children and their families: Randall (Sandy) Sivertsen, Ree Heights, SD, Sandra (James) Garrett, Pierre, SD, Michael Sivertsen (Laurel Fornia), Spearfish, SD, LeAnn (Rex) Haskins, Pierre, SD, and Susan Fritz, Brandon, SD; grandchildren: LaCosta (Gregory) Jackson, Kayla (Bryce) Magee, Patty (Kyle) Donnelly, Lee Sivertsen, Landon Sivertsen, Leon (Amber) Garrett, Levi Garrett, Chazeré (Bryant) Schmautz, Rance Sivertsen, Derrick Haskins, Lindsey (TJ) Philips, MeKenzie (AJ) Bunker, Shelby (Jim) Cronk; 17 great-grandchildren; sister: Deanna Peterson; brothers-in-law: Raymond Aldred, John Slocum, and Eddie (Christine) Sivertsen; sister-in-law: LaVonne Kusser; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland Sivertsen; parents: Cliff and Gertrude Fraser; son-in-law: Jeff Fritz; sisters: Donna Aldred, Peggy Slocum; brother: Charles Fraser, brothers-in-law: Delwin Peterson, DeWayne (Ruth) Sivertsen, Wilmer (Shirley) Sivertsen, Vernon (Clara) Sivertsen, and Joe Kusser.

