

## Charlotte Jean Thompson

Charlotte Jean Rada Thompson was born September 24, 1937, at Sylvan Lake near Custer, SD, to Charles and Ruby (Baker) Rada. Charlotte passed away June 20, 2020, at the Rolling Hills Long Term Care Facility in Belle Fourche, SD, after a lengthy illness.

She grew up and attended school in Belle Fourche until marrying her high school sweetheart, Thomas F. Thompson, on February 3, 1955, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Belle Fourche.

Tommy and Charlotte lived in Cohagen MT, for a time, moved to Omaha, NE, moved to Isabel, SD, and finally back to Belle Fourche, and then to Whitewood, SD. She worked tirelessly alongside her husband raising sheep, cattle, and the cattle buying business. She was known to be a hand with a horse, supportive and helping her children and grandchildren with 4-H, rodeo, and the endless craft projects.

Her family was her pride and joy, always the doting wife, mother, and grandmother. She was also passionate about her home, music, playing the piano, and her flower gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy; children, Ted (Kathy) Thompson, Rhonda Baltezore (Bob), Jana Thompson, and Colin (Renee) Thompson; eight grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charlie; mother, Ruby; and brothers, Melvin "Chief," and Leroy "Rusty" Rada.

A memorial will be established for the Whitewood Cemetery. Charlotte spent many years and was recognized for her hard work in upgrading and restoring the cemetery, including securing a grant for new headstones for the military/cavalry soldier buried there.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Branding Iron in Belle Fourche following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*

Charlotte Jean Thompson

September 24, 1937 ~ June 20, 2020





# *I'm Free*

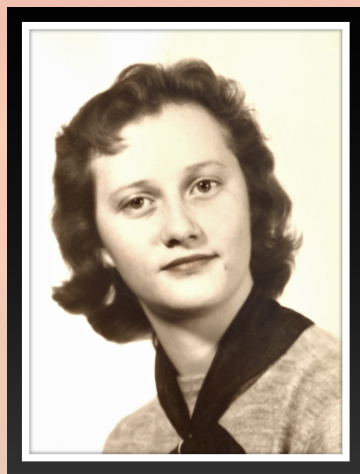
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.



## *In Memory Of* **Charlotte Jean Thompson**

### *Date of Birth*

September 24, 1937  
Custer, South Dakota

### *Date of Death*

June 20, 2020  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### *Mass of Christian Burial*

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Paul Catholic Church  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

### *Celebrant*

Father Zane Pekron

### *Musicians*

Katie Hoffmann ~ Erica Sowers

### *Songs*

"Be Not Afraid" "On Eagle's Wings" "Amazing Grace"  
"Old Rugged Cross" "Song Of Farewell" "May The Choir Of Angels"

### *Pallbearers*

Troy Thompson ~ Coy Thompson ~ Rio Sexton  
Travis Barker ~ Kevin Jaeger ~ Reece Ribordy

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Bob Baltezare ~ Jim Clarkson ~ Joe Painter  
Matt Thompson ~ Kevin Thompson  
Joe Thompson ~ Randall Rada ~ Rod Anders

### *Final Resting Place*

Whitewood Cemetery  
Whitewood, South Dakota