

## Madeline Ruth Schneider

Madeline was born June 14, 1925, on the family farm near Tabor, SD, to Charles and Tillie (Jilek) Dvoracek. She attended elementary school at Byrne Country School and graduated from Springfield High School in 1943.

Madeline worked as a typist and office clerk at WNAX Radio in Yankton, SD. She also worked in Washington, DC, and Chicago, IL, until her marriage to Laddie Schneider on September 2, 1947, at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland, SD.

They were blessed with four daughters. They farmed for 12 years in Bon Homme County before moving to their Tyndall City, Country acreage in 1960.

Madeline worked in the office of the Bon Homme County Auditor for two and one half years. She also worked at the Farm Bureau as an assistant office manager for 13 years before retiring from the accounting department at Gurney Seed and Nursery in Yankton, SD. In 2003 they moved to Sturgis.

Madeline was a member of St. Leo's Altar Society, Catholic Foresters, Tyndall VFW Auxiliary, and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis. She was also a member of the Meade County Senior Center.

Madeline R. Schneider, 87, Sturgis and formerly of Tyndall, SD, died Sunday, November 11, 2012, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Grateful for having shared her life are her four daughters, Marilyn (Jerry) Potter, Sturgis, Barb Courtney, Gillette, WY, Sandra (Vince) Lee, Bothell, WA, and Sharon (Paul) Witkofsky, Gillette, WY; nine grandchildren, Julie Witcraft, Sturgis, Jeff (Sheri) Potter, Whitewood, SD, Jessica (Matt) Flett, Watertown, SD, Aaron (Shelly) Courtney, Cheyenne, WY, Nick (Lindsey) Courtney, Highlands Ranch, CO, Robyn (Josh) Barnhorst, Scottsdale, AZ, Becky Lee, Seattle, WA, Michael (Jenna) Lujan, and Cory Lujan, Gillette, WY; six great-grandchildren, Tate Witcraft, Ava Courtney, Jaxson Barnhorst, Burke Potter, Carter Courtney, and Stella Courtney; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Madeline was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Laddie; brothers, Charles and Alvin; and sister, Elsie Vitek.

Madeline will be remembered for her love of family, flowers, birds, dancing, polka music, and playing cards.

Memorials have been established to the Lippold Hospice Suite at the Sturgis Regional Hospital and Meals on Wheels.

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

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Madeline Schneider*

*1925 ~ 2012*

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch  
in the parish hall following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

*Madeline Ruth Schneider*

***Born***

June 14, 1925  
Tabor, South Dakota

***Died***

November 11, 2012  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

***Celebrant*** ~ Father Arnold Kari

***Organist*** ~ Marlene Kotab

***Soloist*** ~ Sue Lloyd-Davies

***Musical Selections***

"On Eagle's Wings"                      "Be Not Afraid"  
"We Remember"                      "Amazing Grace"  
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
"How Great Thou Art"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

***Grandchildren***

Julie Witcraft ~ Jeff Potter ~ Robyn Barnhorst  
Aaron Courtney ~ Becky Lee ~ Nick Courtney  
Michael Lujan ~ Jessica Flett ~ Cory Lujan

***Great-Grandchildren***

Tate Witcraft ~ Ava Courtney ~ Jaxson Barnhorst  
Burke Potter ~ Carter Courtney ~ Stella Courtney

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery

***TO THOSE I LOVE***

*If I should ever leave you, whom I love,  
To go the Silent Way, grieve not,  
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk  
Of me as if I were beside you there.  
(I'd come – I'd come could I but find a way!  
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)  
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,  
Please do not let the thoughts of me be sad.  
For I am loving you just as I always have . . .  
You were so good to me!  
There are so many things I wanted still to do  
So many things to say to you. . .  
Remember that I did not fear. . .  
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face. . .  
We cannot see beyond . . . But this I know;  
I loved you so – 'twas heaven here with you!*

***-Isia Paschal Richardson***