

## Mathilda Anna "Tillie" Grueb

Tillie was born on a bright sunshiny day on August 23, 1922, at home near Opal, SD, to Mathias and Anna (Backes) Moelter. She was the youngest girl of six children. She attended grade school at Opal through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She worked in the community where she babysat, built dams with her dad, and cooked at cafes. She took great pride in her cooking in which all of her family enjoyed throughout the years as they all gained weight.

One of her favorite memories of a job was working with Doc Bernds in which she was proud to have received a dollar a day for her wages. One of the many things she experienced with the Bernds' was a trip to New York - her first experience ever being out of South Dakota.

Little did Tillie know that in 1944 a blind date with Walter Grueb would lead to marriage on October 6, 1945, and that they would have 68 wonderful years together. To this union were born five children. Walter and Tillie owned and operated their ranch west of Faith since 1965.

Tillie's joys in life were her five children, 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren (with twins on the way). She loved being outdoors, helping with the livestock, assorted animals, and ranch work. She especially loved raising a huge garden in which many family and friends enjoyed the fruits of her labor, especially Walt.

Tillie had a special place in her heart for everyone and everyone had a special place in their heart for her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all.

Mathilda Anna "Tillie" Grueb, 92, Faith, died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at home on the ranch with her loving family by her side.

Survivors include five children, Linda (Wayne) Lensegrav, Sturgis, Herb (Marcia) Grueb, Black Hawk, Rod (Tawana) Grueb, Onida, Irma (Kevin) Fees, Hot Springs, and Larry (Beth Ann) Grueb, Faith; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tillie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five siblings, Johnny Moelter, Margaret Moelter, Gertrude Hoffman, Elvera Howell, and William Moelter; and daughter-in-law, Debra Grueb.

A memorial has been established to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Faith.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



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**1922 ~ 2015**

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral mass.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*A Mother's Farewell To Her Children*

*When I must leave you, for a little while,  
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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***Born***

August 23, 1922  
Opal, South Dakota

***Died***

April 25, 2015  
Faith, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Faith, South Dakota

***Celebrant*** ~ Father Jim Hoerter

***Accompanist*** ~ Kathy Schuchhardt

***Musical Selections***

"Prayer Of St. Francis"  
"How Great Thou Art"      "Amazing Grace"

***Pallbearers***

Scott Lensegrav ~ Steve Lensegrav ~ Travis Grueb ~ Trevor Grueb  
Nathan Grueb ~ Clayton Grueb ~ Mathias Grueb ~ Kevin Fees  
Ross Fees ~ Curtis Fees ~ Tyler Fees

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Corrin Lord ~ Karla Kendrick

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota