

## Katherine Magalena Longden

Katherine Magalena (Lei) Longden was born on October 9, 1920, to Wilhelm Giphart (Gip) and Edna (Hutter) Lei at Newell, SD. Katherine lived with her folks and three sisters on the Gip Lei ranch in Harding County. She attended country schools located near the ranch until high school. She then attended school in Spearfish, SD, from which she graduated from in 1940. Katherine returned to the ranch to work with her parents and during this time she would meet her future husband, Floyd Longden. On July 24, 1940, Katherine was married to Floyd E. Longden at Mason, SD. They lived and worked on the Gip Lei Ranch until the fall of 1945.

In 1945, the couple with children, Paul (1941) and Paulette (1942), moved to Sturgis, SD, where Floyd worked for Dave Marsh. Katherine set up household and raised their children. Two more children were added, Betty Ann (1948) and Stephen (1952). She raised her family and saw children on their way to life. As Steve got older Katherine found work at the Steak House as a baker. In July 1962, Katherine was hired at Ft. Meade VAMC as a dietary aid. She continually worked until her retirement in July 1982.

After retirement, Katherine and her husband became very active in the Catholic Church and various Senior Citizens Centers. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Catholic Lady's Altar Society, and the Sturgis Senior Citizens Center. Her numerous hobbies included canning, cooking, gardening, crossword puzzles, crocheting, volksmarches, and going to garage sales with Floyd.

Katherine, 92, Sturgis, died Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the Sturgis Regional Senior Care Center.

Survivors include three children, Paul of Redig, SD, Paulette Tryon of Belle Fourche, SD, and Betty Christensen of Sturgis; seventeen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marie (Richard) Smith of Redig, SD, and Marjorie Lyons of Sturgis, SD; and numerous nieces, nephews, and a very special friend, Greta Wall of Redig, SD.

Her parents, her husband, one son, one sister, and two grandsons preceded her in death.

Memorials have been established to the Meade County Senior Center and the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

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  
in the church hall Immediately following the funeral mass.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of  
Katherine Longden*

1920 ~ 2013



### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; Thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head  
with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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## *Katherine Magalena Longden*

### ***Born***

October 9, 1920  
Newell, South Dakota

### ***Died***

September 3, 2013  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Vigil***

Friday, September 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

### ***Mass of Christian Burial***

Saturday, September 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

### ***Celebrant***

Father Arnold Kari

### ***Organist***

Dr. Barry Furze

### ***Soloist***

Myron Volk

### ***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"On Eagle's Wings"

### ***Pallbearers***

Robert Domogalski ~ Charles Tryon ~ Calvin Wheeler  
Bob Lyons ~ Dave Lyons ~ Chris Taylor

### ***Interment***

St. Aloysius Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota