

Renee was born on March 15, 1928 in Kingsford Michigan to Orville Charles and Clara Eva (Rowley) LaPorte. She grew up in Michigan where her father worked for the Ford Motor Company.

At her neighbor's encouragement she wrote letters to Herbert Martin Schultz when he was in the Army during WWII serving on Okinawa in the Pacific theatre. When Herbert returned stateside, he traveled to Michigan to meet Renee; they married on February 3, 1946 in Iron Mountain.

They settled in Yale South Dakota and dedicated themselves to their family and community. Renee was a member Trinity Lutheran Church in Yale, where she was active in the Ladies Aid Association, the Lutherans Missionary League. She was also active in the PTA at the local K-12 Yale School.

After she had successfully raised her own children, she became a Foster Parent, nurturing many children with love and wisdom. In 2004, she was recognized for her service, receiving the prestigious "Tradition of Caring Jefferson Award" from KELO television.

Renee was a talented crafter, working in textiles, beadwork and crocheting. She was also a voracious reader and fond of puzzles and collecting dolls in her later years.

Renee was the consummate nurturer, showing love, care and respect for all who knew her. Many of her foster children maintained a relationship with Renee into the next generation of their own families.

Renee was preceded in death by her husband & parents, a daughter Amy Clara Schultz, siblings & spouses Leo & Lois Laporte, Herb & Betty (LaPorte) Johnson, step-daughter Heidi Hautala and son-in-law Arnold Gene Hemmingson.

She is survived by children: Linda (Gayland) Davis of Sioux Falls SD; Connie (Gary) Cleland of Oacoma SD; Susan Hemmingson of Spearfish SD; Herbert J. (Peggy) Schultz of Buhl, MN; Joan (Ross) McCanles of Rogers, MN; and Ginger (Matt) Moeding of Huron, SD; grandchildren: Jamie Larson, Joy Harrison, Brian Larson, Dana (Lori) Davis, Jennifer (Daniel) Flores, Desi (Steve) Van Dam, Leah (Scott) Shockley, Dustin (Amy) Hautala, Joshua Schultz, Nate Gross, Elias Gross, Amber (Justin) Bell and Mason (Jennifer) Moeding; nieces & nephews: Danelle Brown, Danny Laporte, Kathy Isaacs and Cheryl Bye, all of Washington State; 19 Great-grandchildren soon to be 21 and 6 great-great-grandchildren. 2 "grandsons" of the heart: Tristan & Sebastian Cardona.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Renee Schultz

March 15, 1928 ~ February 16, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2025
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS

Pastor Dale Sattgast & Pastor Kevin Koester

MUSIC

Julie Kropuenske ~ Organist
Sara Newman ~ Soloist

"Abide with Me"

Congregational Hymns

"Beautiful Savior" ~ "When Peace Like a River"

CASKET BEARERS

Mason Moeding ~ Justin Bell ~ Tristan Cardona
Sebastian Cardona ~ Dana Davis ~ Joshua Schultz

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Renee's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
Yale, South Dakota

She's the whisper of the leaves as you
walk down the street.

She's the smell of bleach in your
freshly laundered socks.

She's the cool hand on your brow when
you're not well.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's crystallized in every tear drop.

She's the place you came from, your first home.

She's the map you follow with every step
that you take.

She's your first love and your first heart break.

Nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space,
not even death...will ever separate
you from your mother...

You carry her inside your heart!



*You are invited to gather with the family for lunch and fellowship in
the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral service.*



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