

**For Those I Love  
For Those Who Love Me**

When I am gone, release me, let me go,  
I have so many things to see and to.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!  
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part.  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home."



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*In Loving Memory*



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Leona B. Hedge**  
March 2, 1925  
—  
December 14, 2022

Leona Bernice Runge was born March 2, 1925, to August and Bertha (Plasmier) Runge at Kimball, South Dakota. At an early age, the family moved to Minnesota. She attended school at Arco and Tyler, Minnesota, and graduated from Tyler High School.

She married Vernon Hedge on March 2, 1943, at St. Dionysius Church at Tyler, Minnesota. Shortly after they were married, they moved to Wessington, South Dakota, and lived on various farms. They were blessed with almost 60 years together and six children.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's Altar Society, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, and a former member of Jolly Quilters Club.

She is survived by her six children, Sharon (Ray) Ross of Wessington, Linda (Leonard) Hancock of Mt. Vernon, Dean (Mary Ann) Hedge of Wessington, Kent (Sharon) Hedge of Huron, Diane (Robert) Kokesh of Woonsocket and Randy (Karen) Hedge of Custer; one sister, Gloria Mundt of Shakopee, Minnesota; nineteen grandchildren; innumerable great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Runge and Bonnie Runge; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002; her parents; three grandsons, Justin Hedge, Darwin and Bradley Hancock; four brothers, Donald, Norman, Lawrence and Richard Runge; four sisters, Violet Wells, Lorraine Mehling, Jean Langbehn and Betty Hansen; five brothers-in-law, Richard Mehling, Eugene Wells, Harold Langbehn, Dean Hansen and Jack Mundt; two sisters-in-law, Florence and Mary Runge; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

*Mass Of Christian Burial*

Thursday, December 22, 2022 — 10:30 AM  
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish  
Huron, South Dakota

*Celebrant*

Rev. Larry Regynski

*Music*

Ann Hein — Pianist

Amy Beaner — Soloist

*The Old Rugged Cross*

*One Day At A Time*

Ann Blondheim — Cantor

- Congregational Hymns -

#440 - *On Eagle's Wings*

#430 - *How Great Thou Art*

*Casket Bearers*

Duey Hedge

Jade Hedge

Rick Hancock

Donnie Morris

Robert Reyerson

Clay Terry

*Honorary Casket Bearers*

All of Leona's Grandchildren,  
Great-Grandchildren and Great-Great-Grandchildren

*Interment*

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery  
Wessington, South Dakota