

Mary Elizabeth Regan

Mary was born in Edgemont, SD, on February 21, 1925, to Robert and Viola May (Trompeter) Blackney. She spent her childhood in Edgemont until coming to Sturgis to attend high school at St. Martin's Academy. The nuns at St. Martin's were like a second family to Mary. She lived and worked with them throughout high school; spending summers working at the sisters' hospital in Hot Springs.

While a student at St. Martin's, Mary met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Regan. They were married at St. Martin's Chapel on November 3, 1944, by Fr. Columban.

Bob and Mary have lived in Sturgis for their entire married life and have always been active in the community. Mary was a member of the Jayceettes, Zonta, Beta Sigma Phi, and has been a member of the Golden Girls Bridge Club since it started in 1955.

Mary and Bob were a hardworking team. They owned and operated Mary's Apparel and the motel and lounge at Phil Town Inn. They also managed the Boulder Canyon Country Club for several years and the Bodega in Deadwood when gambling began in Deadwood in 1989.

Above all, Mary loved and took pride in her family. She delighted in decorating every room of her home for Christmas. We all looked forward to going to Grandma's house on Christmas Eve to open gifts and partake in her special cranberry steamed pudding. Mary was a great cook and made the world's best barbequed ribs. In the spring and summer, Mary's green thumb was reflected in the many beautiful flowers she planted in her yard.

Mary Elizabeth Regan, 86, Sturgis, passed away peacefully at Rapid City Regional Hospital on May 19, 2011, surrounded by her family whom she loved so dearly.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 66 ½ years, Bob; her four children, Kathryn (Gary) Lamberton, Pompano Beach, FL, Dan (Mary) Regan, Sturgis, Kelley (Gale) Schipke, Rapid City, and Quinn (Sue) Regan, Sturgis; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert; her sister, Catherine; her great-granddaughter, Gwyn Regan; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dan and Agnes Regan; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Glenn and Tiny Burgess.

We love you and miss you, Mom. Rest in peace. No more pain. No more worries.

A memorial has been established to the St. Martin's Chapel Restoration Fund in care of Bob Regan, PO Box 566, Sturgis, SD 57785.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Mary Regan

1925 ~ 2011



Farewell Prayer

*"Thank you Lord for seeing how
Weary I am, and letting me rest.
The pain is gone; the peace is beautiful,
Your love surrounds me.
I have fought the good fight
and some how now at this stage,
no matter what the outcome,
I feel I have won."*

*My homily - - 'For everything there is a season.'
"I want my family to move on with
their lives, and realize everything is
for a reason. Have no regrets.
Everybody did everything they could.
I love you all and will still be with you."*

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February 21, 1925
Edgemont, South Dakota

Died

May 19, 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota

Vigil

Monday, May 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
St. Martin's Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Celebrant

Father Arnold Kari

Organist

Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist

Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
"Oh Lord, I Am Not Worthy"
"Ave Maria" "Danny Boy"

Pallbearers

Scott Schipke ~ Steven Schipke ~ Justin Regan
Joey Regan ~ Kevin Burgess ~ Terry Burgess

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery