Mildred was born December 21, 1930, in Fort Worth, TX, to the Rev. A.G. and Vergie (Lamb) Rietdorf. She attended school in Oklahoma and Nebraska. After moving to Bison, SD, in 1947, she graduated in 1948 and attended Sioux Falls College. She taught one year at the Scotch Cap School near Bison.

On June 18, 1950, she married her sweetheart, Berthold Fried and welcomed five children into their home on the farm near Meadow, SD. They celebrated over sixty-two years together before Bert's passing in 2013.

Mildred enjoyed working at Grand Electric Cooperative in Bison for 26 years. In 1996, Bert and Mildred retired and moved to Sturgis. Mildred was an exemplary volunteer with a servant's heart. She blessed others with her musical talents, including singing, playing the piano and organ, and directing choirs.

Mildred's faith and devotion to her family were of the utmost importance to her. She enjoyed membership in the Grace Baptist Church in Bison, and later the First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood, SD.

Mildred Marie Fried, 89, died Monday, May 25, 2020, in Sturgis, SD.

She is survived by her children, Jim (Diane) Fried, son-in-law, Dean Fudge, Thomas (Cathy) Fried, Susan (Bret) Allart, and Kimberly (Robert) Shannon; grandchildren, Stephania (Kelly) Smith, Drewn (Rachel) Fried, Megan (Philip) Emmons, Misty (Kirby) Taylor, Allison (Adam) Propeck, Matthew Fried, Andrew (Abby) Fried, Nathan (Katie) Allart, Amanda (Jason) Brengle, Crystal (Ian) Pistulka, and Michael (Holly) Shannon; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bert; and daughter, Maxine.

A memorial has been established to the Whitewood Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.





The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Lions Club Park in Sturgis following the graveside service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.









For Mother

O Lord, it is upon this day
We offer thanks and praise
For a lady who, with grace from you
Influenced all our ways.

For it was, as we were growing
That she taught us to be true,
And she taught the way to heaven
Was only, Lord, through You.

When it seems our world's been shattered
It's in her we can confide,
And no matter what we've been through
There she stands, arms open wide.

Others first, and then herself
Has been her mode of living,
As she's followed Your example
Of sacrificial giving.

This lady is a pillar,
Strength and comfort we find there.
For we know we've been remembered
In her loving, steadfast prayer.

Her children call her "blessed,"
For we truly understand,
We were given such a mother
By the grace of God's own hand

- Kimberly Shannon '93

In Memory Of Mildred Marie Fried

Date of Birth

December 21, 1930 Fort Worth, Texas

Date of Death

May 25, 2020 Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 12:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Jil Jennewein

Musicians

Ashton Rone Joanne Baer

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Mansion Over The Hilltop"

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" "What A Day That Will Be"

"When We All Get To Heaven" "In The Garden"

Memorial Video

"Knowing What I Know About Heaven" "I Believe"

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Pallbearers

Drewn Fried Michael Shannon Nathan Allart Andrew Fried Matthew Fried Steve Fried

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota