



Charlotte Mildred Bierle

Charlotte was born June 2, 1922, to John and Elsie (Ross) Gumtow in Lyons, IL, the second of three daughters. She graduated from Washington Grade School in Lyons and from J. Sterling Morton High School in Cicero, IL. After graduating, she worked for Sears Roebuck, Alcoa, and later Reynolds Metal Co. She met her husband while working at Reynolds Metal Co. She was a member of St. John's Peter Church in Lyons, IL, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was active in youth groups.

Char married Herman "Bud" Bierle on December 28, 1957, in Cicero, IL. She guessed the Lord knew how important a family was to her because the day she married, she became not

only a bride and a wife, but a mother, mother-in-law, and a grandma to three.

Char enjoyed letter writing and catching up with family and friends. She always enjoyed dolls. She couldn't remember a time when she wasn't making or dressing dolls. She also liked knitting and crocheting and making gifts for family and friends. She loved doing crafts with her friends in the Pine Cone Belle's Craft Club. A favorite project was cleaning up and dressing old, used dolls to donate to "Toys for Tots" at Christmas.

She loved watching all of God's little creatures, especially the birds feeding outside her kitchen window and the deer and turkeys that wandered through her yard.

When Bud retired, the couple moved to Boulder Canyon outside of Sturgis. Char became a member of the LifeSpring Wesleyan Church, their prayer group, and Sunday school.

Charlotte M. Bierle, 96, Sturgis, died Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Charlotte is survived by two stepchildren, H. Ronald (Sue) Bierle and Gwendalyn (Don) Branson; eleven grandchildren, Rebecca (Rudy) Albrecht, Daniel (Fran) Bierle, Thomas (Cindy) Bierle, Kenneth (Jenna) Bierle, Debra (Paschal) Karl, Donald (Jeanette) Branson, Donna D'Amico, David (Donna) Branson, Andrew (Nanci) Bierle, Ana (Chris) Czernek, and Michael (Becky) Bierle; seventeen great-grandchildren; forty-two great-great-grandchildren with one on the way; and a "substitute" granddaughter and special young friend, Shelby (Frasier) Crays; nieces, Janice (Larry) Smith and Kathy Snyder; and nephew, Gregory Hayes.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband of 47 1/2 years; her parents; stepson, Jerome Bierle; sisters and their husbands, Agnes (Leonard) Kullen and Doris (George) Hayes; and nephew, Bryan Kullen.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of



Charlotte Mildred Bierle

1922 ~ 2018

Char's family would like to thank special neighbors Jerry (Delbert) Boyd, Bonnie and "Tuff" Meyer, the Harbor Youth Group and members of the Life Spring Wesleyan Church who's friendship allowed Char to remain in her beloved home long after being widowed. The family also, appreciates the friendship, thoughts and prayers that was extended to Charlotte while she was coping with her new surroundings at Key City Assisted Living the last few months of her life.

Fellowship and refreshments at the church after burial



Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.



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Born

June 2, 1922
Lyons, Illinois

Died

July 5, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Matt Shulaw

Musical Selections

“On Eagle’s Wings”
“There Is Sunshine In My Soul”
“How Great Thou Art”

Pallbearers

Danny Bierle ~ Rudy Albrecht ~ Donnie Branson
David Branson ~ Jeff Branson ~ Paschal Karl

Honorary Pallbearers

Tommy Bierle ~ Andy Bierle
Kenny Bierle ~ Mike Bierle

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

“Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come”