



## Esther Isabelle Schmeling

April 16, 1933 - January 3, 2018

Esther Isabelle (Podolski) Schmeling, age 84, of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. A Rosary Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Memorial Mass will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Esther was born on April 16, 1933, on an Easter Sunday, at the family homestead in St. Phillips, Montana, a daughter of Joseph and Irene (Setera) Podolski. Her education was at Liberty Country School in St. Phillips and at Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, Montana. She graduated from Wibaux High School in Wibaux, Montana with the class of 1950. Esther formed her early childhood years of picking rocks in the fields with her mother, father and siblings. The Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, Iowa was one of her highlights to see because her father donated rocks to it. Esther was featured in an article with her rock collection in the Goldenwest Electric Magazine. She also enjoyed growing up climbing hills behind her family home with her mother, father and siblings on Sundays. Gardening, milking cows and all the chores that went with the farm developed a strong work ethic for Esther. Esther was employed for the Homer Madison Service Center in Beach, in the fall of 1951, and she managed the café until 1952. She also worked for the Garner School District as the President/Treasurer.

Esther married the love of her life, Maxwell Dale Schmeling, on May 28, 1952. Max and Esther looked forward to going to dances at family homes and halls and were very good at dancing the polka and the waltzing. They remodeled the family farmhouse southeast of Golva. Esther and Max semi-retired to Beach in 2000. When time allowed it, they enjoyed taking trips to Hawaii and the Virgin Islands. They loved family trips with their children, which were treasured and made many family memories. Many Sundays and holidays included playing cards with family friends and relatives with much laughter. Esther was a member of St. Mary's Church in Golva, North Dakota and St. John's Church in Beach. Some of her hobbies included gardening, flowers and green plants, and sewing. She was an avid reader and became very knowledgeable on the subjects of health and nutrition. Esther enjoyed large family gatherings with cooking and baking for her loved ones and friends. Esther was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a mother figure to many in the community. She will be loved and missed by all. Esther is survived by her son, Max Jr. Schmeling of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, Gene Schmeling (Arlene Johnson) of Beach, Kevin Schmeling of Billings, Montana and Yvonne "Bonnie" Schmeling of Billings; her grandchildren, Marie and Nathan Blomker of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Marcie and Austin Strelinger of Gig Harbor, Washington; her great grandchildren, Abriella and Adaline Blomker, Nash and Jett Strelinger; a sister, Regina Terrazas of Torrance, California; her sister-in-laws, Agnes (Louis) Schmeling of Dickinson, North Dakota, Faith (Bunny) Podolski of Minot, North Dakota and Audrey Northrup of Eagle Point, Oregon. Esther is preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Irene Podolski; one son at birth, Joseph; a great grandson, Augustav Christoph Blomker; three brothers and four sisters.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Golden Valley County Food Bank. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## St. Philip's Cemetery

St. Philip's, MT

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

JAN 7. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota  
125 4th Avenue Southwest  
P.O. Box 488  
Beach, ND 58621  
(701) 872-3232  
silha@midstate.net

## Memorial Mass

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Isabelle Schmeling*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Gene Arlene and family our deepest sympathy to you and all your family over the loss of your mother may your memories and love for her and her for you bring you great peace and comfort Always in the love of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior Steve and Pam Popiel*

**Pam Popiel** - January 08, 2018 at 12:21 AM



“ *Sue, Rick, Axel, Brandi Stephenson & Amy Finnegan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Esther Isabelle Schmeling.*



**Sue, Rick, Axel, Brandi Stephenson & Amy Finnegan** -  
January 07, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Esther. I had only just talked to her when she informed me about Myron Lehnen's death. Enjoyed getting to know Esther since the death of my mom - Marie Setera Lutgen. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and God's blessing on all of you.*

**Helen Blee** - January 07, 2018 at 10:31 AM

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“ Bonnie, Max & Gene & family,  
So sorry we won't be able to attend Esther's funeral. John has a doctor appointment at the VA in Fargo for some testing. Just read the obituary & you did a wonderful job of writing it. She definitely was a talented person. I envied her ability to do carpentry work. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Angie and John Ross - January 06, 2018 at 02:26 PM

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“ Boyd and Dorothy Trester, Tammy Kadrmas family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Esther Isabelle Schmeling.



Boyd and Dorothy Trester, Tammy Kadrmas family - January 05, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Esther Isabelle Schmeling.



January 05, 2018 at 12:10 PM