



Irene Steckler

December 15, 1912 - April 6, 2006

Irene Mary Steckler, 93, died April 1, 2006 at her home in Glendive. A Vigil Service will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 10:30 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Glendive with Fr. Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Irene was born on December 15, 1912 on the family farm near Zell, South Dakota, the daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth (Puetman) Jungwirth. She and her four brothers were raised by her father, with the help of an Aunt, after the death of her mother when Irene was six years old. Irene attended school at St. Mary's School in Zell, South Dakota and graduated from Rockham High School in Rockham, South Dakota. Irene married Martin Haider in 1934 in Zell, South Dakota. Martin was a widower with three sons. The family left South Dakota and moved several times before settling in Billings, Montana in 1942. Their home was where the family always gathered for the holidays, enjoying lots of good food and the presence of all of the grandchildren. While living in Billings, Irene was a member of the Little Flower Parish, the Altar Society and the Sacred Heart Guild. Martin preceded Irene in death in 1964. Irene married Jacob Steckler in Billings in 1970. Jake worked for Burlington Northern Railroad, and in the fall of 1970 he was transferred to Glendive where Irene resided until the time of her death. Irene was very involved in volunteer work, the Hospital Auxiliary, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and also helped at the Lions

Youth Camp. She was one of the originating members of a group that started "The Attic" to benefit the Glendive Medical Center. She received several awards for her volunteer efforts. She loved to play Pinochle and Scrabble with her friend Mary Carter. She also made lots of quilts and afghans and tried to give all of her grandchildren one. She enjoyed cooking for her family, canning, fishing and she also loved dancing. Irene was preceded in death by her husband Jacob on January 1, 2005; two step-sons, James and Gerald Haider; two grandsons, Timothy and James Brubaker and four brothers, Norbert, Clement, William and Cornelius. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Brubaker of Billings, Montana and one step-son, Donald Haider of Billings; 18 grandchildren, Mike Brubaker of Kalispell, Ron Brubaker of Billings, Dawn Schneider of Homer, Alaska, Debbie Dobson, Julie Lawrence, and Jackie Loran, all of Billings, Kathy Folvag of Billings, Connie Michael of St. Lucie, Florida, Janet Tarr of Ellicott City, Maryland, Terry Haider of Seattle, Karen Haider of Billings, James Haider of Helena, Stefanie Pratt of Vancouver, Washington, Margaret Mallony of Aladdin, Wyoming, Martin Haider of Salt Lake City, Utah, Jeff Haider of Newfoundland, Pennsylvania, Tom Haider of Evaro, Montana, Lynn Horn of Douglas, Wyoming; 35 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews in South Dakota.

Tribute Wall



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