

## Elaine Marie (Pfeifer) Schmidt



Elaine Marie (Pfeifer) Schmidt passed away peacefully Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the Belle Fourche Healthcare Center.

She was born July 13, 1931, in Zeeland, ND, to Louie and Laya Pfeifer. Elaine married Maynard Schmidt on November 18, 1946, in Zeeland, ND. They resided on the family farm near Herreid, SD, until they retired to Sturgis, SD, in 1996. Elaine graduated from Pierre School of Nursing in 1975. She worked as a nurse in Ashley, ND, Eureka, SD, and the Fort Meade Veterans Hospital in Sturgis, SD.

Elaine's true passion was caring for her animals, especially cats. Every stray cat seemed to find Elaine's front door. She had a beautiful alto voice and loved to sing church hymns. She also had an angel collection that was very special to her.

Elaine is survived by her son, Keith (Annette), Loudon, TN; and her daughter, Cheryl, Belle Fourche, SD. She has three grandchildren: Melissa (Brett) Phillips, Franklin, TN, Jay Wilczynski, Spearfish, SD, and Chad Wilczynski, Rapid City, SD; two great-grandsons, Joshua and Kellan Phillips, Franklin, TN; a niece, Vivian (John) Pitlo, Bellevue, IA; and her sister-in-law, Donna Sutton, Longview, WA.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her husband, Maynard; her parents; and her sister, Florence Fischer.

A memorial has been established for the Humane Society of the Black Hills and the family requests that all memoriums be made to that organization at 1820 E Saint Patrick St, Rapid City, SD 57703.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Elaine Marie Schmidt*

*1931 ~ 2017*

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at The Knuckle Brewery in Sturgis. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*We are touched by Angels  
Walk where angels tread,  
They will guard and guide us,  
Through the days ahead.  
In times of sorrow,  
As in days of joy.  
They bring us hope and comfort  
Nothing can destroy.  
In the hours of darkness,  
When our dreams have flown  
They bring us peace and healing,  
We are not alone.  
Through times of doubting,  
Still they understand.  
We are touched by angels,  
Walking hand in hand.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Elaine Marie Schmidt*

*Born*

July 13, 1931  
Zeeland, North Dakota

*Died*

November 11, 2017  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

*Funeral Service*

Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiating*

Pastor David Baer

*Musical Selections*

“How Great Thou Art”  
“You'll Never Walk Alone”  
“Bless the Lord/My Tribute”  
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

*Interment*

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota