



Irma Francis Maude

Irma was born March 25, 1928, near Oral, SD, to Anson K. Mills and Doris (Francis) Mills. Growing up in the Oral area, she attended elementary school at Fairview and high school at Hot Springs, then worked for the Fall River County Veteran's Office in Hot Springs after graduation. She met and married Arden I. Maude on June 4, 1950, in Hot Springs. To that union, two children were born: David and Rebecca. During the early years of their marriage, she helped her husband in a variety of ranch jobs throughout western South Dakota before they bought a ranch repair business at Enning, SD in 1959. For the next 50 years, she would be mother, homemaker, community volunteer, and business partner.

Irma was especially interested in the next generation of her community and her life was an expression of that interest. She loved working with the grade school students of the Enning/Union Center area, volunteering for many years as librarian in the local grade school, eventually retiring after 13 years of service. Her home was a place of music and outreach. Irma enjoyed writing music and poetry, playing and teaching guitar and piano while passing on her love of music to her students.

Irma's love for her Lord and Savior, her family, her church, community, children, music and books touched many lives. For over 30 years she taught weekly Child Evangelism Bible clubs in her home, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Irma's support continued as the children grew, married, and started families of their own. As she grew older, health problems slowed her activities, but not her love for others. Though in declining health, she continued to be an inspiration to the patients in the Spearfish dialysis center, encouraging and ministering to the other patients and staff.

Irma F. Maude, 81, Enning, died Monday, February 22, 2010, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Irma is survived by her husband, Arden Maude of Enning, SD; a son, Dave (Liz) Maude of Kingman, KS; a daughter, Becky (Don) Martini of Lawrenceville, GA; and one brother, Tom Mills of Thermopolis, WY; 6 grandchildren: Nikki, Jessi, Christian, James, Paul, and Louise; and 6 great-grandchildren: Dylan, Veva, Paxton, Michael, Finn, and Isabella. Also glad to have shared her life is her "heart" daughter, Sally Donald and children, Jessica and Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

A memorial has been established to Sunshine Bible Academy.

*The Family Extends An Invitation To Join Them For Fellowship And Refreshments
At The Central Meade County Community Center Following The Memorial Service.*

In Loving Memory Of



Irma Maude

1928 ~ 2010

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely;
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

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Born

March 25, 1928
Oral, South Dakota

Died

February 22, 2010
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.
Union Center Baptist Church

Officiating

Pastor Wes Labrier
Pastor Harold Delbridge

Accompanist

Sylvia Rhoden

Singers

Wes Labrier ~ Dennis Hall
John Rhoden ~ Larry Rhoden

Musical Selections

"If We Never Meet Again"
"It Is Well"
"In My Heart There Rings A Melody"

Honorary Pallbearers

John Rhoden ~ Karl Richter ~ Stanley Matt
Kenny Matt ~ Floyd Cammack ~ Robert Ingalls
Dick Richter ~ Jim Peterson

Inurnment

Monday, March 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery