



SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all's so bright!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are 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, Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade!

And He came Himself to meet me
On the 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 idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth
You shall rest in Jesus' hand.

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

-Harry VanderArk

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mary Ellen Whiting

WHO WAS BORN

December 8, 1937

Melrose Township, Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

April 5, 2019

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Gary DeRouchey

MUSICIANS

Sandy Tucholke, Organist

St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Sam Folk Dan Kasuske Frank Hermans

Darwin Van Hout David Van Hout Ken Hermans

Rick Hermans Myron Van Hout

INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Mary's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota



Mary (Van Hout) Whiting was born in Grant County, SD, to August and Pearl (Smith) Van Hout on December 8, 1937. Mary was baptized and confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, SD. She was raised on the family farm north of Milbank. She attended rural school at Melrose #9 and St. Lawrence Catholic School through eighth grade. She later received her G.E.D. diploma.

Mary worked at various jobs as a waitress, factory worker, and housekeeper. On September 19, 1974, she married Orvin Whiting and they farmed together south of Milbank until his passing in July of 1999.

Mary was a member of the Old Mill Twirlers Square Dance Club for 27 years. She served as president, vice-president, treasurer, and historian. She loved playing cards and was a member of the Grant County Senior Citizens. Mary was also a longtime bowler, played the accordion, and was an accomplished artist. She was a woman of faith, a lifetime member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and sang in the funeral choir for many years.

Mary is survived by one brother, Jerome (Joyce) Van Hout of Milbank, SD; special friend, Francis Murphy; and many nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents: August and Pearl; husband, Orvin; three brothers: Kenneth, Antone (Bud), and Joseph Van Hout; four sisters: Rosella (Clifford) Hermans, Annabelle (Eldon) Kasuske, Lucille (Albert) Folk, and Donna Van Hout; sister-in-law, Diane (Joseph) Van Hout; brother-in-law, Arvid Whiting; nephew, Andrew Folk; and one infant sister.

Mary was on dialysis for the past 7 ½ years of her life and was honored to have been the first patient in the new Milbank Avera Dialysis Unit. She was so grateful that she no longer had to travel to Watertown and Ortonville three times a week and in inclement weather. Therefore, it was Mary's wish that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Milbank Dialysis Unit.

AMAZING GRACE!

How sweet the sound

*'Tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,*

*And grace will
bring me home.*