



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ila Mae Mitchell

WHO WAS BORN

August 12, 1932

Summit, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

October 3, 2023

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, October 6, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS

Kristy Tostenson, Accompanist

Tim Mundwiler, Guitarist & Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Russell Pies | John Pies | Calvin Pies

Becky Morgan | Travis Schmeling | Benjamin Ellsworth

INTERMENT

Summit City Cemetery

Summit, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Ila's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship at the Summit Fire Hall.

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God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

“Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

Jla Mae (Letze) Mitchell was born on August 12, 1932, at home in Summit, SD, to Alfred and Grace (Swanson) Letze. She grew up in the Summit area and attended school at Summit High School.

On August 6, 1949, Ila was united in marriage with Paul Mitchell in Webster, SD. To this union, four children were born.

While raising her children and caring for her family, Ila also owned and operated the Crossroads Café. She also worked as a cook at Whetstone Valley Nursing Home, and operated a day care out of her home over the years.

Ila was a fantastic cook and an even better baker. She would bake bread, cinnamon rolls, and cookies. Ila was famous for her meat balls and making potato salad for many community gatherings. You never left Ila's home hungry; she would feed you and would send leftovers home with you too! Ila made a point to cook the favorite things of friends and family she expected to visit her. She was an avid crocheter and several of her family members have multiple blankets she crocheted over the years. Ila's family was most important to her, and she looked forward to Sunday family dinners and celebrating holidays and family birthdays. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her greatest joy and she enjoyed each and every baby that came her way.

Left to cherish Ila's memory are her children: Irene (David) Pies of Aberdeen SD; Joann Schmeling of Prairie Village, KS; and Paula Ellsworth of Clearwater, FL; six grandchildren: Russell Pies, John Pies, Calvin Pies, Becky Morgan, Travis Schmeling, and Benjamin Ellsworth; nine great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Ronald Aker of Watertown, SD; sisters-in-law: Lois Cotten of Watertown, SD; and Janice Letze of Milbank, SD; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband, Paul in 1986; son, Dennis in 2005; grandson, Brad Ellsworth in 2022; sisters: Jane Aker and Cora Sorensen; brothers: Dale Letze and Wilbur Letze; son-in-law, David Schmeling; daughter-in-law, Geri Mitchell; along with several other family members.

