

Wilma G. "Mike" vanBeckhoven

Mike was born August 27, 1922, at Oldham, SD, to William and Alta (Borah) Mikel. She graduated with honors from Oldham High School in 1940. She moved to the Black Hills and worked in and around Lead when not attending Black Hills Teachers College. She was in her second year of college when World War II began.



She joined the US Navy WAVES in the spring of 1943 and attended Navy Training School in Stillwater, OK. She was stationed in the Navy Department in Washington, DC and New York City. After her honorable discharge in 1945, she was employed by B. Altman and Company on Fifth Avenue where she met and later married Joseph vanBeckhoven on December 28, 1947. The couple spent two years working at beach resorts in Springlake, New Jersey and Delray Beach, Florida.

After returning to Whitewood where her family lived, they moved to Rapid City in 1950. In 1959, Mike began what became a 35 year career associated with the liquor industry. She was the hostess in the Carousel Lounge of the Sheraton Johnson Hotel, manager of the Esquire Dinner Club and the East Boulevard Liquor Store. In 1985, she moved to Newell and managed the Bar and Liquor Store from which she retired in 1995. She moved to Sturgis in the fall of 1998.

Wilma G. "Mike" vanBeckhoven, 88, Sturgis, died Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her son, Joseph Mikel vanBeckhoven, Rapid City; daughter, Lori Svoboda, Sioux Falls, SD; and three grandchildren, L.J. Svoboda, Rapid City, Lindsey Svoboda and Carly Svoboda, both of Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.



In Loving Memory Of Wilma "Mike" vanBeckhoven

1922 ~ 2011



*The dawn is not distant,
nor is the night starless.*

Love is eternal!

*God is still God, and His
faith shall not fail us.*

Christ is eternal!



The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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Born

August 27, 1922
Oldham, South Dakota

Died

May 20, 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Willard Olsen

Musical Selections

"The Lord's Prayer"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery

