

Irene Frances Raba, daughter of Andrew and Theresa (Bertha) Raba was born August 21, 1923 at Selby, SD. Irene attended eight years of school at West Spring Valley Country School. She married John Kusters on June 5, 1945, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Selby.

Irene passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family. She shared a devoted life with her husband, John, and together were blessed to raise eight children in a home grounded in faith, love and hard work.

She was happiest in the simple joys of life, tending her chickens, working in her large garden, and caring for those around her. Her home was a place where everyone felt welcomed. Irene taught her children and grandchildren the importance of faith, family and trusting God through all seasons of life. She touched many lives with grace and compassion.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”
Matthew 25:23

Irene was preceded in death by husband, John, sons, Lawrence and Lester, son-in-law, Allen Mertz, daughter-in-law, Julie (Lawrence), parents, Andrew and Theresa, sisters, Theresa (Kusters), Anna (Kusters), Katherine (Kindel), brothers, Martin, Gabriel, Ladislaus, Paul, Phillip and Mark.

Irene is survived by daughters, Jane Mertz, Marie (Richard) Mueller, Beverly (Rodney) Ruzsa, GERALYN (Marvin) Vandervelden, daughter-in-law, Janet (Lester), sons, Laverne (Paula), Lyle (Treni), 22 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, 21, great-great grandchildren.

“Love & God Bless”
Mom & Grandma X.

In Loving Memory



Irene F. Kusters

1923 ~ 2026

For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6:23

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Erene I. Kusters

102 years ~ 8 months ~ 20 days

BORN:

*August 21, 1923
Rural Selby, South Dakota*

PASSED AWAY:

*May 4, 2026
Selby, South Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

*10:00 AM, Saturday, May 23, 2026
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Selby, South Dakota*

CLERGY:

Father Michael Griffin

ORGANIST:

Deb Dumdie

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

*"Amazing Grace" ~ "How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings" ~ "Come Holy Ghost"*

USHERS:

Marv Kindel ~ Marty Raba

CASKETBEARERS:

*Grandsons: Jim Kusters ~ Paul Kusters ~ Tom Ruzsa
Travis Mueller ~ Carl Kusters ~ Greg Vander Velden
Donald Ruzsa ~ Mike Kusters ~ Jason Mertz
Erik Vander Velden ~ John Kusters*

HONORARY BEARERS:

*Dori Moe ~ Melissa Wientjes ~ Micki Thompson
Jina Ulmer ~ Vicky Hauck ~ Christy Mack
Bridgette Kuchera ~ Nancy Mott ~ Jennifer Ruzsa
Abbie Phipps ~ Brittany Vander Velden ~ Jaise Depietro
3 step-grandchildren*

INTERMENT:

*Selby Memorial Gardens
Selby, South Dakota*

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota



*Wishing you all the things that
bring love into your heart...
All the things that make
memories precious,
life beautiful,
and dreams possible.*

