

Delila Rose Keller lived a long and steady life shaped by family, work, and faith. Born on February 3, 1933, in Artesian, South Dakota to Henry and Elda (Austin) Hoenslaar, she grew up in the Timber Lake area and attended Madsen Country School, LaPlant Day School, and Timber Lake High School.

On November 3, 1949, she married Linus Keller in Timber Lake, and together they built their life through farming, dairy work, and raising their family. Their moves — from Timber Lake to Bloomfield, Montana in 1955, and later back to the Glencross area in 1958 — reflected the practical demands of work and opportunity. They eventually settled in Timber Lake in 1966, where Delila remained for many decades.

Delila spent her life engaged in the routines and activities that defined her generation. She enjoyed Names' Day Celebrations when they were popular years ago, playing cards, and going to dances. She enjoyed tending her garden, and spent many summers canning pickles and other vegetables. She was an excellent baker and was known for her kuchen, a recipe she prepared often and well. She also took interest in bird watching and was proud of her yard and flowers. Her involvement in Holy Cross Catholic Church and the Altar Society reflected her consistent commitment to her faith community.

In her later years, Delila moved to Prairie Sunset Assisted Living in Mobridge and then to the Avera Eureka Care Center, where she lived until her passing on April 19, 2026.

Delila is survived by her children, Jerry (Colleen) Keller of Timber Lake, Cheryl (Arlyn) Lawrence of Promise, Sharon (Mark) Hammer of Mobridge; daughter-in-law, Jaci Keller of Pierre, seven grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, sisters-in-law, Kathleen Keller and Fauneil Keller.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Linus on December 24, 2011; her son, Francis on May 4, 2020; her grandson, Austen; and her parents, Henry and Elda.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Holy Cross New Parish Hall Building fund in memory of Delila.



In Loving Memory Of



Delila Keller

1933



2026



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand;

The angel said my place was ready, In Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, and told me "Welcome Home".

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

-David Romano

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Delila Rose Keller*

93 years ~ 2 months ~ 16 days

BORN

February 3, 1933
Artesian, SD

PASSED AWAY

April 19, 2026
Eureka, SD

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 am, Saturday, April 25, 2026
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Timber Lake, South Dakota

CLERGY

Father Brian Lane

ORGANIST
Marlene Biegler

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Becky Keller

CANTOR
Jim Keller

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sharon Hammer & Cheryl Lawrence - "Cross Of Love"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Be Not Afraid" ~ "May The Angels Lead You Home"
"One Love Released" ~ "Fly Like a Bird"

GIFT BEARERS

All of Delila's Great Grandchildren

OBITUARY READER

Monica Schmidt

USHERS

Wayne Keller
Jerry Leibel

LECTOR

Ryan Keller
Kevin Lawrence

ALTAR SERVERS

Elyse Parker
Brie Parker

CASKETBEARERS

Grandchildren

Ryan Keller ~ Kevin Lawrence ~ Tyson Keller ~ Doug Lawrence
Jason Lawrence ~ Kristen Lawrence ~ Trent Hammer

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Delila's Great Grandchildren

Isabelle Keller ~ Madilyn Keller ~ Wynn Lawrence ~ Cade Lawrence
Jake Lawrence ~ Molly Dupris ~ Lainey Hammer ~ Preston Keller
Avera Eureka Care Center Staff ~ Monica Schmidt

INTERMENT

Timber Lake Cemetery
Timber Lake, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota.