



Norma Joyce Schmaltz was welcomed by God as an angel on August 14, 2013. She passed away with her loved ones at her side on that beautiful morning at the age of 81. Norma was born on July 27, 1932 to Arthur and Bernice (Chilson) Holte at the home of her grandfather, Martinus Holte. Raised in the Voltaire area with her five brothers, Norma attended the Hjerdal church which always held a special place in her heart. Norma went to school in Bergen where she was involved with 4-H. Norma met her future husband, Edward Schmaltz, at a very young age in a sandbox. The two, who must have known that they would be together forever, were married in Balfour, ND on November 29, 1950. They made their home in Velva before moving out to the farm east of Bergen where they raised their one daughter and five sons. Norma kept busy as a farm wife by helping Ed with combining, driving truck and planting. Two of Norma's favorite hobbies were quilting and sewing, especially outfits for little girls. Many Christmas gifts were handmade by her. Holidays of every kind were special for Norma. She always had the house fully decorated and was sure to have lots of goodies around. Throughout her lifetime, music played a big part in Norma's life. She loved playing her guitar and singing. Ed and Norma would play the accordion and guitar on many occasions including many wedding and anniversary engagements. They would entertain the residents of the Souris Valley Care Center in Velva. Norma also was part of the St. Cecelia's choir and would participate in the community Christmas Cantata. She could spend hours listening to one of her favorite bands, The Dakota Rose Band. Old time music could be heard coming from the house and car on multiple occasions. Norma loved spending her time outdoors. One of her favorite times outside was the time she spent camping with family and friends. Her love of Christmas would carry over to the weekend of camping for Christmas in the Park at the Mouse River Campground. Norma also enjoyed her time gardening. Norma loved spending her time with her family. It was common for the grandchildren to have sleepovers at the farm when they were young. She made a point to try and attend as many birthdays, concerts, graduations and weddings of her grandchildren as possible. She was a grandma to more people than just her grandchildren.

Norma is survived by her husband of 62 years Edward Schmaltz, Bergen; Deborah Engel, Velva; Jerome Schmaltz, Minot; Richard (Marian) Schmaltz, Minot; Cory (Jackie) Schmaltz, Velva; Roger Schmaltz, Bergen; and Greg (Michelle) Schmaltz, Velva. sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Her brothers Duane Holte, Billings MT; Roger Holte, Clifton, VA; Robert Holte, Minot; and Merle Holte, Velva. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephew and cousins. Norma will join her mother and father, Bernice and Art Holte and her brother Dale Holte in Heaven. Visitation: Sunday, August 18, 2013 from 3 until 5 pm at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Velva, ND. Vigil Prayer Service: Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 5 pm in St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Velva, ND. Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:30 am at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Velva, ND. Burial: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Velva, ND.