

May 16, 2013

## The Life of Charlotte Mielke



- Charlotte Ann Petrik Mielke of Sioux Falls, SD died on May 13, 2013 at Avera McKennan Hospital following a stroke.
- Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sioux Falls, followed by a luncheon in the church fellowship hall. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday. The family present to greet friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday followed by a Prayer Service beginning at 7:00 Wednesday evening at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls.
- Charlotte was born on April 6, 1943 in Yankton, SD. She

attended grade school and high school in Tyndall, SD, graduating from Tyndall High School in 1961. Upon her graduation, she attended Stewart's School of Hairstyling in Sioux Falls, then worked for a hair styling salon in Wagner, SD. In 1966 she and her mother, Mabel Petrik, moved to Sioux Falls where Charlotte became employed at Stewart's in the Park Ridge Shopping Center.

- Charlotte and Ron met in the fall of 1967 while he was attending graduate school at USD. They were married on November 28, 1969 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls. She retired in 1974 when their son, Steve, was born. Charlotte spent the next 18 years being the mother who took the kids to school, serving as a church volunteer, and enjoying her role as a homemaker. During later years, she enjoyed exploring her creative talents in painting, composing floral arrangements, and home

decorating.

- Charlotte is survived by her husband of 43 years, Ron; her son, Steve Mielke and his wife, Amy, of New York, NY; her sister, Janet Ackerman and her husband, Jerry, of Sioux Falls, SD, and their four children, Julie (John) Hajek, Troy, Brian (fiancée, Jody) and Lisa (Wayne) Rasmussen; Charlotte's sister-in-law, Jane Hauck and her husband, Bill, of Naples, FL and Lead, SD; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.
- She was preceded in death by her father, Bill; mother, Mabel; and an infant brother, Frank.