



## Joyce Williamson

November 12, 1928 - January 29, 2018

Joyce Williamson, 89 of Lennox South Dakota died Monday, January 29, 2018. Joyce Marilyn Ritter was born in Chokio, Minnesota, on November 12, 1928, the daughter of Herbert and Lillian (Borth) Ritter. She graduated from Chokio High School, and on June 5, 1948, became the Bride of Leo "Shorty" Williamson. The couple lived in Canton, SD and Fargo/Moorehead before moving to Lennox, SD, where they were a faithful members of the St. Magdalen's Catholic Church. Joyce was a committed caregiver, and her values were noteworthy. She projected kindness, truthfulness, a love of family, and a deep devotion to the Holy Family. Joyce was also especially talented in painting, sewing, and writing poetry. Her family's love of the great outdoors and animals led to many adventures, including camping trips with the grandchildren. Joyce and Shorty were able to spend many years traveling together and truly were a keen depiction of what love really is. A prayer she wrote for her children read, "Dear Lord, watch over all the young people of our family. Open their hearts to Jesus. Help them to be courageous and responsible in all their actions. Give them a deep respect for other people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Joyce was an absolutely beautiful soul who was loved by so many. Grateful for having shared her life are children Gary (Mary), Maple Lake, MN, Alan (Brenda), Duluth, MN, Darryl (Joyce) Lennox, Diane Bauch, Sioux Falls, and Dean (Debbie), Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren: Alysia (Nick) Franks, Eric (Katie) Williamson, Matthew Williamson, Marnie Williamson, Kory (Hilary) Williamson, Tanner Bauch,

Kortnee (Kyle) Senn, and Alex Williamson; eight great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Leo, her brother, Eugene Ritter, and her son-in-law, Craig Bauch. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at St. Magdalen Catholic Church, Lennox, SD, with burial to follow in the Mt Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Lennox.. Visitation, with the family present, will begin at 5 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, also at St. Magdalen.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *deepest sympathy to all of you.*

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**Jim and Patricia Koerner** - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Our sympathy goes out to all the Williamson family. There are so many fond memories of the Leo and Joyce's children from LHS days. Gene and Kitty Bormann*

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**Gene Bormann** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy on the passing of your Mother. God Bless*

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**Brian Lind** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Willamson Families...*

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**Fran Brown** - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends. The death of a loved one can bring many tears and pain. my hope for you is that your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of times spent together. May you find comfort in God's promise of a new world where death will be no more.. “He wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Sharon Harvey** - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM