



Bernadette was born December 3, 1925 at Bear Butte Valley to Elmer and Sophia (Lanouette) Bachand. She grew up on the family ranch and graduated from St. Martin's High School in Sturgis. She studied music at the Chicago Music School and the Loretta Heights school of music in Denver. She trained in vocal and instrumental music. She returned home to Bear Butte Valley and worked for Black Hills Power and Light.

She married Maurice Ricard at Sturgis on June 4, 1956. The couple lived on the ranch at Elk Creek Valley and raised their family.

Bernadette was a member of the extension club, South Dakota Cowbells and the Altar Society at the Old St. Mary's church in Piedmont.

Ella "Bernadette" Ricard, 84, Elk Creek Valley, died Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her sons Kelly and Mederic Ricard, both of Elk Creek Valley; daughters, Renee (Doug) Laas, Brookville, KS, Racette (Richard) Cuzzort) Elgin, OK, Anna (Tom) Marsden, Hermosa; one brother, Wilbur (Jeanne) Bachand, Sturgis; 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Maurice, brothers, Ambrose and James; sister Arlene Rossitto; and daughter Mary.

A memorial has been established to the St. Martin's Chapel restoration project in Sturgis.

The Family Extends An Invitation To Join Them In Friendship And Fellowship In The Church Basement Following The Mass.

Following The Committal Service Friends May Gather At The Ricard Ranch.



In Loving Memory Of



Bernadette Ricard
1925 ~ 2010



*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*



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December 3, 1925

Died

Rapid City, South Dakota
August 4, 2010

Rosary Services

Monday, August 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Black Hills

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, August 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
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Celebrant

Father Mark McCormick

Clergy

Rev. Mr. Walt Wilson

Special Musical Selections

"Be Not Afraid"
"Ave Maria"
"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Pianist

Lorraine Ptacek

Guitar

Deach Koch

Pallbearers

Wade Bachand ~ Trevor Tibbitts ~ Dustin Tibbitts
Lloyd Jung ~ Todd Jung ~ Mark Sanders

Interment

St. Aloysius Cemetery