

**Memorial Card for Theresa Kuntz Bachmeier, Rugby, North Dakota**

**When I Must Leave You**

When I must leave you  
for a little while,  
Please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow  
to you through the years,  
But start out bravely  
with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
and in my name  
Live on and do  
all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
and hold you near,  
And never, never  
be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting  
for you in the sky!

Helen Steiner Rice

May the Soul of the Faithful Departed  
Theresa Bachmeier  
Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

**Born Into Time**

April 10, 1909  
Feast of Saint Bademus  
McHenry County, North Dakota

**Born Into Eternity**

November 28, 2001  
Feast of Saint Catherine Laboure  
Rugby, North Dakota

**Mass Of The Resurrection**

Saint Therese of the Little Flower  
Rugby, North Dakota  
Monday, December 3, 2001 11:00 A.M.

**Celebrant**

The Reverend Andrew J. Dudzinski, Pastor

**Music**

Galen J. Mack, Soloist  
Glenda Mack, Organist

**Casketbearers**

Eric Bachmeier Daniel Held  
Jim Bichler Ron Selzler  
Frank Heilman Doug Wolfe

**Honor Guard**

Members of the  
Confraternity of Christian Mothers  
Rugby, North Dakota

**Interment**

Saint Anthony Catholic Cemetery  
Selz, North Dakota  
Beside her husband, George Bachmeier  
R.I.P. July 11, 1968

## Biography

Theresa Bachmeier was born April 10, 1909 in McHenry County, North Dakota, a daughter of Engelbert and Elizabeth (Duchscher) Kuntz. She grew up in the Blumenfeld area of McHenry County and went to country school here. She married George August Bachmeier on February 20, 1928 at Orrin, N.D. They farmed in Jefferson Township for about 40 years. She enjoyed having a garden and raising poultry when she was living on the farm. Mr. Bachmeier died on July 11, 1968. She moved into Rugby in 1971. In her retirement she enjoyed cooking and crocheting. In early 1999 she moved to the Harold S. Haaland Home in Rugby and in late 2001 she entered the Long Term Care Unit of the Heart of America Medical Center. In 1999 she appeared in a documentary produced by Prairie Public Television called *Schmeckfest: Food Traditions of the Germans from Russia*. She enjoyed cooking cheese buttons as her part of the two-hour documentary. The program was broadcast nationwide on public television stations. It was most recently broadcast on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, 2001. A humble lady like Mrs. Bachmeier couldn't have been prouder.



She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church in Rugby and The Fraternity of Christian Mothers.

She is survived by sons, August and his wife, Caroline Bachmeier, Sumner, Washington, and Nick and his wife, Arlene Bachmeier, Rugby; daughters, Betty and her husband, Ambrose Schneider, Harvey, Ann and her husband, Steve Selzler, Martin, Mary and her husband, Edward Held, Harvey, Cecilia Heilman, Rugby, Phyllis and her husband, Leonard Bichler, Monroe, Washington, Helen and her husband, Pat Wieneche, Clackamas, Oregon, and Carol and her husband, Pete Dresser, Cordova, Tennessee; 39 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Frank Kuntz and Rose Brossart, Rugby, and Dorothy Boehm and Frances Steffen, Devils Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Adam; three grandchildren; brothers, Julius, John, Sebastian, Mike and George Kuntz; and a sister Mary Steffen.