Dorothy Holm was born March 17, 1928, in Dickinson, North Dakota, to Leon and Olive (Wakefield) Churchill. She grew up on a ranch south of Grassy Butte, going to school in Grassy Butte, Killdeer, and Watford City. She graduated from Watford City High School in 1946.

One evening while working as a waitress at Mabel's Cafe in Watford City, Arnold Holm came in with a friend. They spied Dorothy and decided to ask her to go roller skating with them in Alexander. Arnold and his friend flipped a coin to see who would ask her and Arnold won the coin toss. The rest, as they say, is history.

Arnold and Dorothy were married on November 16, 1946. They had three children: Rick, Diane, and Pamela who were all raised on the family farm north of Watford City.

While raising her children, Dorothy also enjoyed working on the farm. She drove the tractor and combine when needed. She also rode horseback along with Arnold, working cattle on the farm.

When her children were all in school, she went back to work in town at the McKenzie County Memorial Hospital as a Nurses' Aid. She worked for many years until she settled back into the life of growing flowers, playing bridge, and enjoying her farm life.

She was active in the Patience Circle at the First Lutheran Church, being the treasurer for many years. She spent most of her adult life in the Busy Hands Homemakers Club with women she met as a young farm wife. She loved playing bridge and was active in the regular club as well as the Marathon Bridge group. She was still playing weekly at the time of her death.

Dorothy loved travel and she and Arnold recently returned from a trip to Reno where she indulged in her passion for the penny and nickel slot machines. On the way home they drove through the Yellowstone Park and visited family in Montana. She adored and loved visiting with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dorothy enjoyed her flowers and her big yard. She spent many happy summer days on her riding lawn mower keeping the home place neat and tidy.

She is survived by Arnold, her loving husband of 64 years; their three children, Rick Holm of Watford City ND, Diane (Terry) Gariety of Portland, OR, and Pamela (Jeff) Scott of Columbus, MT; five grandchildren, Jennifer (Andy) Long of Brooklyn Park, MN, Jesse (Sara) Scott and Garrett (Erica) Scott of Billings, MT, Drew Scott of Livingston, MT, and Coleman J. Gariety of Portland, OR; three great-grandchildren, Morgan Hawley, Evan and Cameron Long of Brooklyn Park, MN. She is also survived by numerous extended family members including nieces, nephews, and sisters and brothers- in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents Leon and Olive Churchill; a brother, Rex Churchill; and two infant children.

In Memory Of Dorothy O. Holm





The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.



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Date And Place Of Birth
March 17, 1928Date And Place of Death
October 17, 2010Dickinson, North DakotaWatford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service 11:00 AM, Thursday, October 21, 2010 First Lutheran Church Watford City, North Dakota

Officiant Pastoral Assistant Rob Favorite

Ushers

Dave Fitzgerald

Tom Suelzle

Musicians Caroline Schwartz ~ Organist Sandi Wisness ~ Vocalist

Casketbearers

Jeff Scott Drew Scott Terry Gariety Jesse Scott Garrett Scott Coleman Gariety

Honorary Casketbearers All of Dorothy's Family, Friends & Bridge Partners

Andy Long

Interment Schafer Cemetery Watford City, North Dakota



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