Anne D. Degenstein was born May 4, 1927 at Brisbane, ND, the daughter of Dennis and Mary Agatha (Gross) Bonogosky. Her young life was spent attending rural schools and working on the farm like a hired hand.

In 1948, Anne married John Degenstein in Raleigh, ND. They later divorced. With four boys and two girls, Anne learned to survive in hard times, supporting her family by renting rooms, cooking, and taking care of laundry. She waitressed at the "City Café" and for a time worked as a nurse in Hettinger, ND. The family moved to Dickinson, ND for several years and then to Great Falls, MT in 1970. Anne never owned a car nor did she ever have a driver's license.

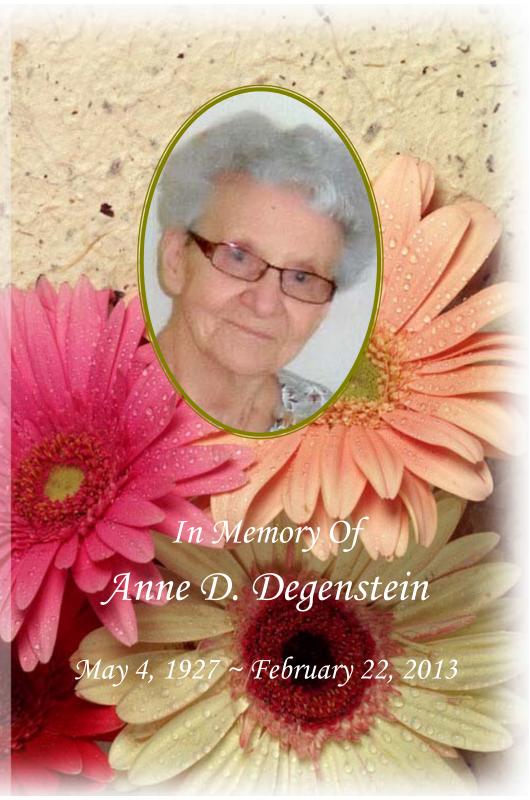
Anne enjoyed gardening, happily sharing her vegetables and canned goods with her neighbors. Collecting lawn ornaments became a passion, and many drove by her yard to take pleasure in her creativity. Everywhere she went she would collect rocks to place in her front yard. She loved mountains and fishing in streams for trout.

A very resourceful and self-determined woman herself, Anne esteemed the Salvation Army giving them her support. She had a deep respect for the United States military, giving whenever she could to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Anne was quick-witted, a memory of her that will be cherished by family and friends. She passed away with family by her side, Friday morning, February 22, 2013 at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, ND.

Survivors are: her children, John (Carol), Mary Ann Anton, "Digger" Dennis, Roy (Cindy), Lester, Kathy Ford; 11 grand-children; 15 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; sister, Mary Deichert, brother, Blasé Bonogofsky, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anne was preceded in death by: her brothers, Ralph, Joseph, Donald, John, Ignatz, and Dennis Jr.; and her sisters, Josephine Bloxom, Phyllis Volk, Barbara Borchert, and Katherine Bonogofsky.



After the Clouds, the Sunshine After the Winter, the Spring. After the Shower, the Rainbow. For life is a changeable thing:

After the Night, the Morning,
Bidding all darkness cease.
After life's Cares and Troubles,
The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace.

Dig when I may, I
Want it said of me by
Those who knew me best,
That I always plucked a
Thistle and planted a
Flower where I thought
A flower would grow.

Abraham Lincoln

IN MEMORY OF ANNE D. DEGENSTEIN

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH MAY 4. 1927 Brisbane, North Dakota DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH FEBRUARY 22, 2013 WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA **FUNERAL SERVICE** 2:00 p.M. Tuesday, February 26, 2013 CROSSPOINT WESLEYAN CHURCH WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA **CLERGY** PASTOR JEFF RUGGLES **MUSICIANS** CAROLINE SCHWARTZ ERICA BEARD USHERS BRIAN DEGENSTEIN ROY DEGENSTEIN, IR. HONORARY BEARERS JODI SHELLEY KRISTIN Kim Roy Tanya Amanda Brian Brandan Tannya Lin Billie Jo **INTERMENT**

Lunch will be served in the church immediately following the service

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