



I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave  
an afterglow of  
*smiles*  
when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright & sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of *happy memories*  
that I leave behind  
When life is done.

***In Loving Memory  
Thelma Solberg***

***Born to Otto & Annie (Nelson) Olson***  
September 18, 1916 ~ Blaisdell, North Dakota

***Returned to Her Heavenly Father***  
May 20 2021 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

***Celebration Of Life Service***  
Friday, July 2, 2021 at 11:00 am  
American Lutheran Church  
Stanley, North Dakota

***Officiating***  
Barbara Solberg

***Eulogists***  
Richard Solberg                      Norvel Kjellberg  
(Thelma's Son)                      (Norma's Son)

***23rd Psalm***  
Maggie Ackerman  
(Thelma's Great-Granddaughter)

***Special Music***  
"Softly and Tenderly" ~ Courtney Smith  
(Norma's Great-Granddaughter)  
"Saved By Grace" ~ Stan Anderson  
(Nephew of both Thelma and Norma)  
"Under His Wings" ~ Kris Hetzel  
(Norma's Granddaughter)

***Congregational Hymn's***  
"Beautiful Savior"  
(p. 838 ~ Verses 1-3)  
"In The Garden" by C. Austin Miles  
(A favorite of both women)  
"A Mighty Fortress is our God"  
(p. 505 ~ verses 1-3)

***Pianist***  
Kris Hetzel  
***Arrangements By***  
Springan Stevenson Funeral Home  
Stanley, North Dakota



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Thelma Delores Solberg**  
September 18, 1916 - May 20, 2021



Thelma Delores Olson Solberg was born near Blaisdell on September 18, 1916, to homesteaders Otto and Annie Olson. She grew up on the family dairy farm and attended school in Blaisdell, graduating at the age of sixteen. She and her five sisters rode horseback ten miles one way to attend confirmation classes at Shell Creek Lutheran Church.

Thelma earned her teacher's certificate at Minot State Teacher's College and taught in country schools around Berthold for five years. On June 23, 1940, Thelma married George Solberg in a double wedding with her sister Helen and Nels Kjellberg. The wedding was held in the family home. Thelma and George lived in Parshall for a year before moving to Kalispel, Montana. In November 1945, George and Thelma moved to Stanley, North Dakota, where they put down roots and started Solberg Implement with George's brothers.

Thelma raised three children, George, Richard, and JoAnne. She was a gifted cook and her recipes are treasured. Her potato dumplings, lefse, and flatbread were enjoyed by her family. She did lots of baking, especially breads, pies, and cookies. She made crabapple and raspberry wines as well as plum dandy which she served on special occasions. She adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren and made their favorite foods when they visited. Thelma was a two-time breast cancer survivor.

An active member of American Lutheran Church, Thelma served as regular organist for twenty-five years and continued to play for funerals throughout her eighties. She was a faithful participant in her women's group and circle Bible studies. Thelma was also active in the McDowell Music Club playing piano and singing in groups for many of their programs. She and her sisters sang for many special occasions.

Thelma lived on her own until age of ninety-five when she suffered a stroke. She has resided at the Mountrail Bethel Home since that time.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George; her son, George, Jr.; and her grandchildren, Kris and Anne Marie Keierleber. Her five sisters – Alice Hebig, Gladys Strand, Helen Kjellberg, Norma Kjellberg, and Doris Gorseth Kabanuk and their spouses – also preceded her in death. Her in-laws, Gustav and Malin Solberg, Olaf Solberg, Torval Solberg, Lars Solberg, Anna Eidem, Edith Aas, and Gertrude Hovda and their spouses also preceded her in death.

She is survived by children, Richard (Barbara) Solberg and JoAnne (Ken) Keierleber; grandchildren, Jon (Agnieszka) Solberg, Jessica (Ryan) Ackerman and David Keierleber; granddaughter-in-law, Jocelyn Keierleber; great-grandchildren, Hunter Keierleber, Gunnar and Maggie Ackerman, Daniel Wojciehowski, and Gustav and Anna Solberg, and many nieces and nephews and their children.



The LORD is my *Shepherd*;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me  
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 & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23



*These flowers are descendants of  
Thelma's garden.*