

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth,  
May sunshine and gladness be given,  
And may the dear Father  
prepare you on earth  
For a beautiful birthday in Heaven.



Stairway  
TO  
Heaven

## Dorothy Peterson



**Born to Hans Anders & Grace Oakes Oyen**

May 12, 1937 ~ Grenora, North Dakota

**Returned to Her Heavenly Father**

August 11, 2023 ~ Williston, North Dakota

### **Funeral Service**

Friday, August 18, 2023, 2:00 PM

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel

Williston, North Dakota

### **Officiating**

Reverend Ross Reinhiller

### **Congregational Music**

"How Great Thou Art"

"In The Garden" ~ "Amazing Grace"

"Lords Prayer" ~ Chaplain Yusuf Imam

### **Song Leaders**

Gregory Peterson, Darcia Larsen, Donelle Miller,

Robyn Soiseth & Chaplain Yusuf Imam

Emily Driscoll ~ Accompanist

### **Pallbearers**

Luke Soiseth Frank Lehnerz III Kirby Urbatsch

Gregory Peterson II Blaine Oyen Kevin Guenther

Glen Guenther Brad Peterson Loyal Larson

James Bratlien Clint Miller

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

All of Dorothy's Grandchildren, Family & Friends

### **Final Resting Place at a Later Date**

Bethel Cemetery ~ Zahl, North Dakota

### **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, North Dakota



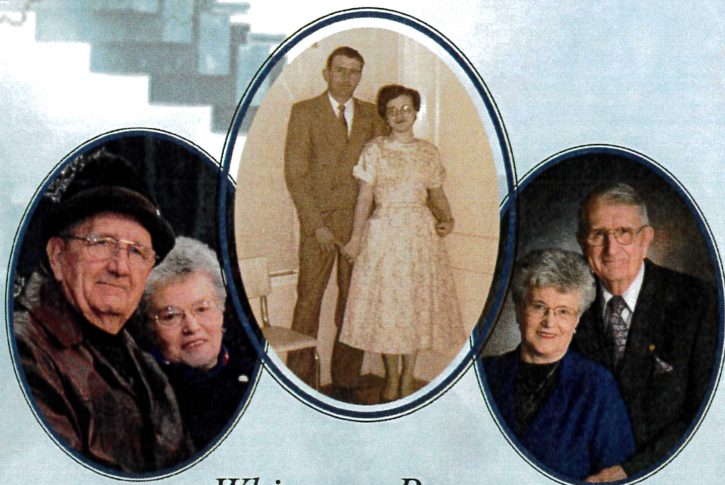
*In Loving Memory of*

**Dorothy Jeanette Peterson**

May 12, 1937 - August 11, 2023



# Memories



## Whisper a Prayer

*Whisper a prayer in the morning,  
 Whisper a prayer at noon,  
 Whisper a prayer in the evening,  
 To keep your heart in tune.  
 God answers prayer in the morning,  
 God answers prayer at noon,  
 God answers prayer in the evening,  
 So keep your heart in tune.  
 Jesus may come in the morning,  
 Jesus may come at noon,  
 Jesus may come in the evening,  
 So keep your heart in tune.*

Dorothy J. (Oyen) Peterson, 86, of Williston, ND, formerly of the Grenora-Zahl area, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, Friday Evening, August 11 at her residence.



Dorothy was born on May 12, 1937, in the Grenora, ND hospital, the daughter of Hans Anders Oyen and his wife, Grace Oyen. She joined sisters Beatrice, Marian and Ethel, and brothers Andrew, Herbert, and Franklin, followed by siblings Gerry, Gale, and Kenneth. She was raised and educated in the Zahl and Hanks area and graduated from Grenora High School in 1955.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Robert D. Peterson in Plentywood, MT on December 8, 1956. To this union five children were born: Gregory (Gaylene) Peterson, Tioga, ND; Greta Lehnerz, Casper, WY; Robyn (Kirk) Soiseth, Williston, ND; Ronda Peterson, Williston, ND; and Lisa (Les) Urbatsch, Fargo, ND; they raised two nieces and a nephew: Kari (Butch) Hite, Tucson, AZ; Blaine Oyen (Cheryl), Beulah, ND; and Andrea (Tim) Batt, Harvest, AL. Other survivors include her 12 grandchildren: Niki Lehnerz Jackson (Dre), Courtney Reddish, Rebecka Peterson McDowell (Don), Robert Urbatsch, Gregory Peterson II (Sonja), Luke (Gwen) Soiseth, Adam Urbatsch, Alyssa Reddish (Jason), Heather Soiseth Kihle (Tyler), Kirby Urbatsch, Vanessa Clemmensen, and Frank Lehnerz III; and 20 great-grandchildren. Dorothy is also survived by her brother Gerry (Karen) Oyen, Kenny Oyen, sister-in-law Laura Lou Oyen, and numerous nieces, nephews.

They lived in Zahl, and then on the Peterson farm (Grace's) south of Zahl before purchasing their farm south of Zahl. They farmed and started their family, later taking over the farming operation. They later moved into Grenora and lived there until all the kids left home. They moved to Williston, ND, where Dorothy proudly worked for Wal-Mart for 20 years before retiring to take care of Robert until he passed away in 2016.

Dorothy loved being a mother and was always happy when her children brought their friends and cousins home. There were always homemade goodies, fresh bread, and a meal to share, there was always room for more. She enjoyed music, played the piano by ear, and was a very talented alto singer. She sang at many funerals, weddings, and other community events. She was a member of the Silverstone's Sextet, a singing group from the Grenora area.

She loved gardening and her flowers; she was an excellent seamstress and a fantastic cook and baker.

Dorothy was a very active member of the United Methodist Church in Grenora, serving on the council, preparing and leading the Ladies Aid lessons, and singing. She was a member of the Gladys Helping Hand Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents, Hans Oyen and Grace (Clarence Jacobson); her in-laws, Henry and Mable Peterson; sisters, brothers, and siblings spouses: Beatrice (Harvey) Selby, Bud (Marilyn) Oyen, Marian (Donald) Guenther, Herbert (Norma) Oyen, Franklin Oyen, Gale Oyen, JoAnn Oyen, sister-in-law Helen (Paul) Pederson, brother-in-law Gene (Elaine) Peterson, nephews: Allan, Richard, Paul Jr. and Daniel Pederson, Craig Oyen, and nieces: Shirley Pederson Ravio and Valerie Oyen Larsen.

