

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven dear ones;

Oh, so *happy and bright!*

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this *everlasting light.*

All pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at

peace forever.

Safely home in Heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand,

Do it now, while life remaineth -

You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,

He will gently call you Home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting,

Oh the joy to see you come!



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Going Home

Thelma Froke, age 93, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Willow Lake, died on her birthday, November 28, 2023, in Sioux Falls with family at her side.

She was born Thelma Elaine Whitted on November 28, 1930, in Willow Lake to parents Viola (Phillips) and Russell Whitted. She grew up with her eight siblings and attended school until eighth grade in country schools in Rosedale and Hague Townships.

She met Curtis Froke at a dance in Raymond and the two were married on December 1, 1948, on his parents farm, six miles west of Willow Lake. They lived for a short time in Willow Lake before moving to Aberdeen where Thelma had a variety of jobs. In 1951, they moved to Sioux Falls. Curtis was drafted into the US Army in 1952 so Thelma came back to Willow Lake to live with her parents and worked at the Willow Lake and Carpenter Cafes. She joined Curtis where he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, living there for about a year. When he was discharged from the army in 1954, they moved back to Sioux Falls. In January 1957, they were enroute to California when they stopped in Carpenter and Thelma's dad talked them into buying the old pool hall in Carpenter. They made it into a café and called it Curt's Place. They had many fond memories of their five years operating the café before selling it in 1962 and moving back to Sioux Falls. In 1987, they moved back to Willow Lake. Along with raising their six children, Thelma worked as a waitress and for Bryant's Parkview Care Center as an aide and a cook. She also was a part-time bartender at the Willow Lake Lounge. In 2008, the couple moved to Brandon to be closer to their children.

Thelma loved baking and cooking, being very well known for her delicious homemade buns and lefsa. She also enjoyed music and dancing (even in her walker), video lottery, card games and socializing any chance she got. She was a member of the Brandon VFW Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Curtis, her son Duane, and five siblings, Donald (Rae), Merlin (Carol), and Kenneth Whitted, Vivian (Earl) Jenson and Darlene McMillian.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Carolyn (Merl DeBoer) Johansen of Sioux Falls, Irene (Cliff) VandeWeerd of Sioux Falls, Mary Pruitt of Tea, David (Bailey) Froke of Humboldt, and Darwin Froke of Hull, IA, fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, siblings Carol Ann (Frank) NeMec, Madonna (Lee) Maroon and Debra (Chris) Scudder, all of WA, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Celebrating the Life of Thelma Froke



Services From

Grace Lutheran Church
Willow Lake, South Dakota
Thursday, December 7, 2023
10 AM

Officiant

Pastor Colin Beveridge

Music

Pastor Colin Beveridge - Special Music
"How Great Thou Art"
Carolyn Johansen - Special Music
"In the Garden"

Interment at a Later Date

Vienna Lutheran Cemetery
Vienna, South Dakota



*The family of Thelma Froke thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*