

## ***I'M FREE***

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

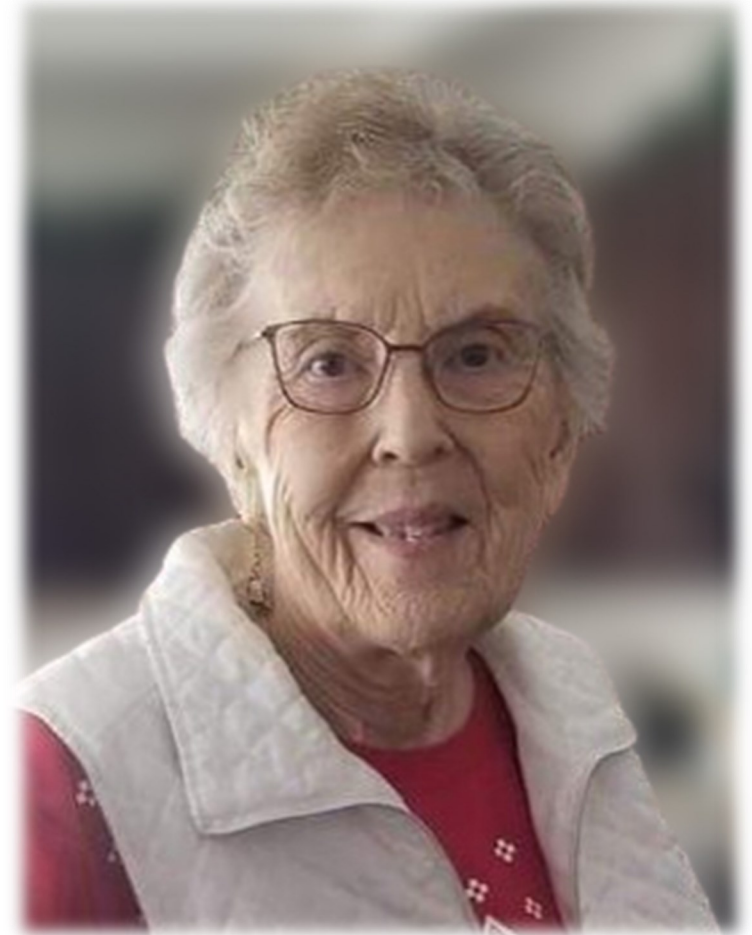
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee -  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

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## ***Celebrating The Life Of***



**Norelle Bartel**

**June 1, 1938 — December 26, 2023**

Norelle Hazel Christiansen Bartel was born June 1, 1938, to Clarence and Ethel Olson Christiansen, of Huron, South Dakota. She attended school in Huron and graduated from Huron High School. She then attended business school in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

She married Wilfred “Willie” Bartel at Huron, and together they raised their children in Huron. After Willie’s death, she married William “Bill” Russell, and the couple resided in Huron.

Norelle lived a full life and shared her many talents during her career as an operating room technician at Huron Regional Medical Center, and then as the program director at Huron Area Senior Center. She loved serving at Living Hope Alliance Church, volunteering for Huron Regional Medical Center Hospice Care, sewing and quilting. However, her greatest love was spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Bartel; her husband, Bill Russell; her father, Clarence Christiansen; her mother, Ethel Christiansen; her granddaughter, Amy Sue Bartel; her granddaughter, Tricia Ann Bartel; and her grandson, Branden Bartel.

Norelle is survived by her eight children, Roger (Linda) Bartel, Cindy (Doug) Sinclair, Ted (Donna) Bartel, Mel (Deb) Bartel, Dale (Koreen) Bartel, Nita (Tom) Sitterley, Toby (Tahnee) Bartel and Wendi (Kirk) Ford; her sister, Cheryl (Don) Alumbaugh; her sister-in-law and special friend, Janice Jungemann; her special friends, Donna Meiers and Larri Kahre; her bonus children, Amy Helm, Nancy Napier, Becky Guiot, Jennifer Russell and Lynn Judd; her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and her many nieces and nephews.

## *Celebration Of Life*

Saturday, January 6, 2024

11:00 AM

Living Hope Alliance Church  
Huron, South Dakota

## *Officiant*

Rev. Chad Rose

## *Obituary Reader*

Garet Ford

## *Music*

Cheryl Hofer — Pianist

- Congregational Hymns -

Al Palsma — Song Leader

*The Old Rugged Cross*

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

- Special Selection -

Dontaevid Aldridge — Soloist

*I'll Fly Away*