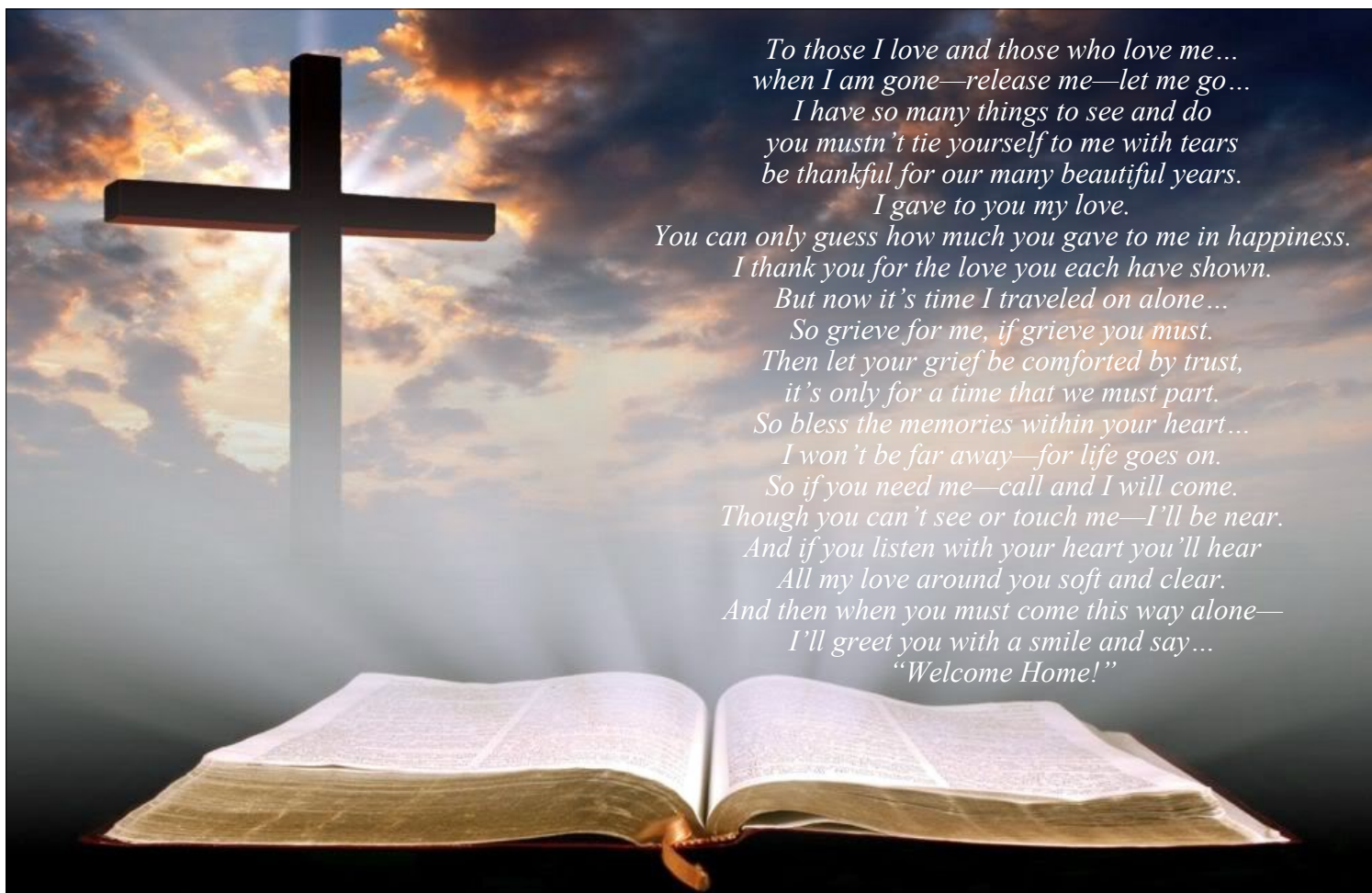




By: Dawn Wright, for my mom  
 I'm not a good cook  
 I don't have the talent like you  
 Lord knows that I've tried  
 To be like you.  
 Your smile lit a room  
 Your laugh was so contagious  
 I can only try to do the same  
 To be like you.  
 Kindness is a word  
 People used to describe you  
 I hope that I can be as loving  
 To be like you.  
 Your heart was so big  
 Your generosity always shown  
 I hope that I will continue to try  
 To be like you.  
 Daughters sometimes say  
 They don't want to be like their mothers  
 But I know I really do want  
 To be like you.  
 Rest in peace Mom.

## ***To Be Like You***



To those I love and those who love me...  
 when I am gone—release me—let me go...  
 I have so many things to see and do  
 you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
 be thankful for our many beautiful years.  
 I gave to you my love.  
 You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.  
 I thank you for the love you each have shown.  
 But now it's time I traveled on alone...  
 So grieve for me, if grieve you must.  
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust,  
 it's only for a time that we must part.  
 So bless the memories within your heart...  
 I won't be far away—for life goes on.  
 So if you need me—call and I will come.  
 Though you can't see or touch me—I'll be near.  
 And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
 All my love around you soft and clear.  
 And then when you must come this way alone—  
 I'll greet you with a smile and say...  
 "Welcome Home!"

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Dorene Lotzer**  
*April 21, 1942    March 10, 2023*

**Funeral Service**  
*1:00 P.M. Monday, March 20, 2023*  
*Ascension Lutheran Church*  
*Brookings, South Dakota*

**Clergy**  
*Pastor Steve Palo*

**Music**  
*Joan Reissen—Organist*  
**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Abide With Me*  
*Blessed Assurance*  
*God Be With You Until We Meet Again*

**Pallbearers**  
*Dorene's Grandsons*  
*Gavin Wright    Tate Broksieck    Trent Broksieck*  
*Dorene's Brothers-in-law*  
*Gordon Osterloh    Joe Reinhart    Steve Arnold*



**Interment**  
*Sisseton City Cemetery,*  
*Sisseton, South Dakota*

*Dorene Lotzer, age 80 of Brookings, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023.*

*Dorene Lotzer was born on April 21, 1942, in Sisseton, SD, to Earl and Norma (Backman) Madsen. She attended country grade school for 8 years, graduating from Wilmot High School in 1960. On August 5, 1961, Dorene was united in marriage to Jerome C. Lotzer in Sisseton. The couple had two daughters: Diane and Dawn. In September of 2009, the couple moved to Brookings, SD. Jerry passed away on May 31, 2019, after 57 years together.*

*Throughout her life, Dorene worked at a bank, hospital, ASCS office, school kitchen, and finally as the Roberts County Register of Deeds Deputy for over 19 years. She was an active member of the GLC in Sisseton, substituting for Sunday School classes, acting on the church council, choir, ladies aide, and ladies circles. She always had time to make home made cake for funeral services or special events at the church. In 2009, she became a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Brookings.*

*Dorene held many interests, including cooking, baking, canning, and sewing. She also enjoyed camping and playing cards. One of her favorite pastimes was sharing a meal with family and friends, always trying out new recipes on them and using her guests as her "guinea pigs." In fact, her favorite books to read were cook books. Dorene loved taking bus tours, especially to Nashville. Dorene's greatest love of all was her family. Family was her number one priority, particularly her three grandsons, which she absolutely adored. She was so proud of all of their accomplishments.*

*Dorene is survived by her daughters: Diane (Chad) Broksieck, of Brookings, and Dawn (Lee) Wright of Summit, SD; grandchildren: Gavin (Miranda) Wright, Tate (Lauren) Broksieck, and Trent Broksieck; great-grandson Weston Wright; her siblings: Mary Ann Weeden, Karen (Steve) Arnold, Arlene (Joe) Reinhart, Elroy (Sandy) Madsen; her brother-in-law, Gordon Osterloh; her sister-in-law Carol Madsen; and numerous nieces and nephews.*

*She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jerome "Jerry" Lotzer; her parents; her sister, Gladys; her brother, Eldred; her brother-in-law Glen Weeden.*

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