

GOD'S GARDEN

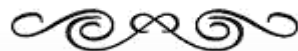
God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
And then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

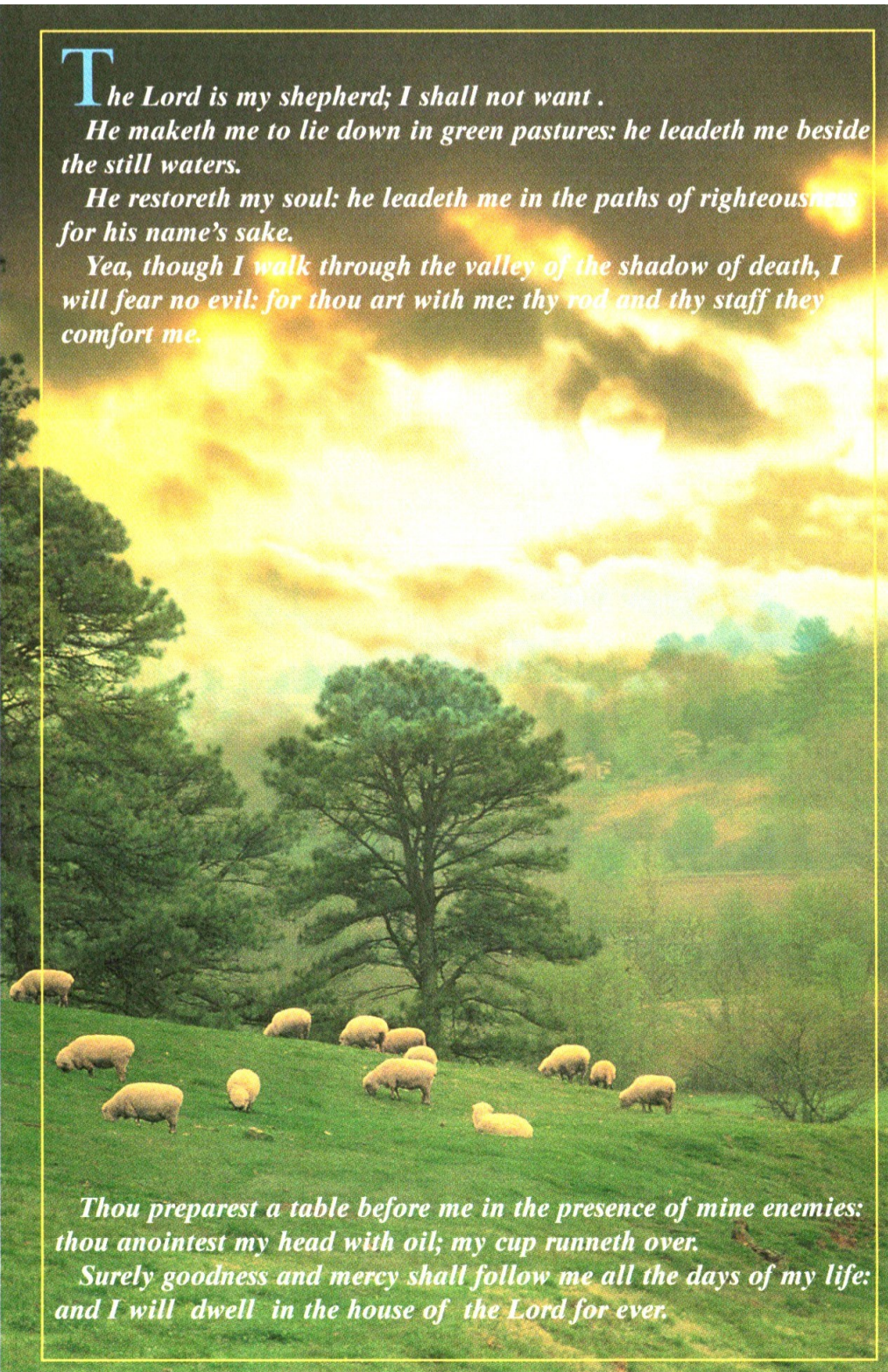
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.



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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to 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 and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Thelma Olivia (Petersen) Wicks was born, along with a twin sister, Alma, on August 23, 1929, to Lawrence and Lena (Jensen) Petersen on a farm near Butler, SD, where she grew up and attended the rural school there.

Thelma was baptized and confirmed at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Bristol, SD, where they belong and attended. Thelma attended the Butler High School and graduated in 1947 from the last class, before the school was closed.

On July 4, 1948, she was married to Austin T Wicks of Clark, SD. They were married at a rural church near Amboy, MN, by her brother Reverend Lester L Petersen, who was serving a parish there. They lived and farmed their entire life in Woodland township just a ½ mile from Austin's folk's place. They milked cows many years, besides raising sheep and other cattle. Thelma was always an outdoor person. You usually could find her out helping her husband, either on the tractor or helping with the livestock. She was also known for her beautiful cross stitching and even had one of her pictures receive National recognition.

Austin passed away on May 19, 1998, shortly before their 50th wedding anniversary.

After their marriage, they joined the Crocker Lutheran Church, which they attended regularly. She was on the Church Council, was Sunday school teacher many years, and also held different positions in the Ladies Organizations. She was also a 4-H leader when her children belonged to that.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a sister, Rose (John) Christensen, and three brothers, Clarence (Phyllis), Reverend Lester (Beverly), and Raymond Petersen; Sister-in-law Doris Petersen and Son-in-law Paul Orris.

Thelma is survived by two sons, Steve (Luveta) Wicks of Clark, Ted (Marjorie) Wicks of Gillette, WY; a daughter, Sandra Orris of Clark; a special nephew, Larry Bannick of Springfield, OH; four grandchildren, Joe Wicks, Elizabeth (Earl) Elliott and Chad (Jen) Orris and Robert Austin Orris & fiancée Baylee; a twin sister, Alma Paulson, brother Ordeen Petersen, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



Celebrating the Life of Thelma Wicks



Services from

Calvary Lutheran Cemetery
Bradley, South Dakota
Friday, December 4, 2020
2:00 PM

Officiant

Minister Marion Grimes

Casketbearers

Joe Wicks, Chad Orris, Robert Orris & Elizabeth Elliott

Interment

Calvary Lutheran Cemetery
Bradley, South Dakota



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