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Treasured Seasons

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.



Lorna Mae Burke went to be with her heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ on September 14, 2020.

She was born in Pipestone County, MN, on April 22, 1929 to Walter and Nancy Elizabeth (Hammer) Monk. She was the second of seven children and grew up across the road from the one-room schoolhouse that her Grandpa Monk built. She attended school there and graduated from the 8th grade. Though her dream was to become a nurse, she stayed home to help her mom for the next few years and, looking back, realized that God was preparing her for the life she was to lead.

She fell in love and married Daryl Burke on June 16, 1946. Their first son, Daryl Duane, was born the following year and was her delight. Though the Lord took him to heaven six months later, she carried him always in her heart.

Daryl and Lorna moved to Clark County, SD, in 1949. They farmed near Carpenter and raised four more children. Lorna was a wonderful wife, mom, and homemaker. Her antique Hoosier oak kitchen cabinet with a sugar bin and flour sifter was her most prized possession. She could bake and sew anything and everything. She had a servant's heart, always thinking of others before herself and tackling projects no one else dared. "Many hands make light work," she would say. She had a solid faith, special way with words, and infectious smile, making her a much-loved lay minister and Sunday School teacher. In her 40's, she pursued and happily received her GED.

Eventually, she became known as Grandma Burke, a title that she treasured. The years spent at Lake Poinsett with all her grandchildren were some of the happiest years of her life. Attending sports events, school activities, and contests brought her so much joy, as did family reunions, weddings, and the arrival of great -grandchildren. "Oh, let's just go sit down," she would say as she invited her loved ones into her kitchen nook to visit, always ready to listen, laugh, and love unconditionally. All her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their spouses held a special place in her heart and she prayed for them each by name.

She was grateful for a long life, loving family, and dear friends and enjoyed them to the end. Yet she looked forward to entering her eternal home and being embraced again by Daryl, her husband of 55 years, their precious baby boy Daryl Duane, their best friend and her dear older brother Paul Raymond, and others that she loved including her younger brothers Walter Monk and Freddie Monk, sister Bonnie Erks, sister-in-law Peggy Monk, and brother-in-law Jack Knutson.

She will continue to be cherished and missed by her children: Sandy and Randy Bratland, Donn Juan and Patty Burke, Cheche and Jay Englert, and Rita and Basil Englert; 14 grandchildren and spouses: Lon and Jodi Bratland, Lisa and Wayne Hennen, Paula and Martin Lundell, Nikki and Shane VanBockern, Tony and Jennifer Englert, Chance and Melissa Burke, J.J. and Kelly Burke, Ryan and Bobbie Jo Burke, Rory and Renae Burke, Stephanie and Bob Lundin, Kimberly and Scott Tollinger, Danielle and Frank Doggett, Virginia and Halden Clark, and Elizabeth and Elliot De Jongh; 47 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandson-in-law; brother James Monk, sister Jeanie Knutson, brother-in-law Harold Erks, sister-in-law Edith Monk, and Dorothy Evenson and Bobbette Warkenthien, her dear friends and neighbors.



Celebrating the Life of Lorna M Burke



Lake Gospel Church Willow Lake, South Dakota Saturday, September 19, 2020 10:30AM

OfficiantPastor James Uthe

Music

Organist—Cindy Warkenthien
Lisa Hennen, Duet
Paula Lundell, Duet
Nikki VanBockern, Soloist
Erin Englert, Soloist

Honorary Bearers

Dorothy Evenson, Bobbette Warkenthien, & All of Lorna's Granddaughters and Great-Grandchildren

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Lon Bratland & Tony Englert Chance Burke and JJ Burke Ryan and Rory Burke

Interment

Collins Cemetery Willow Lake, South Dakota



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