



Lena D. Schild

Lena was born on the family homestead near Watford City, ND, in McKenzie County on August 12, 1923, to Walter and Mary (Dogopoly) Dassenko. She grew up with 12 siblings on the family farm and attended the county school several miles away. She always gave her best to her studies, a trait and attribute she exhibited her entire life. During the 1930's the family suffered during

the drought and moved to eastern North Dakota, where they continued to farm.

Lena was an avid student of the Bible and was indoctrinated into the Christian faith at an early age. She established a joyful servant attitude and all her activities were completed with enthusiasm and dedication.

Lena had a keen interest in the medical field desiring to be a nurse. After graduating with honors from Gardner (ND) High School, she earned a business degree to facilitate her being able to pursue her dream of nursing.

Lena was then employed by the war department in Washington, DC. While there she received a furlough and completed a nursing degree from Columbia Union College. She then worked toward her CRNA credentials at Long Island Hospital and Johns Hopkins University. Her first job was in Fargo, ND.

She then practiced her profession at Porter Hospital in Denver, and from there to Ft. Collins, where she served in the now historical renowned Beebe Clinic for nearly 17 years.

It was there that she met Harlan Schild and they were married September 7, 1968. Their first home was in New Mexico, where Harlan was doing graduate work.

In 1971, they became Sturgis, SD, residents. Lena served in the Community Hospital and surrounding area. She accepted the CRNA position at the Ft. Meade VA in 1973 and continued there until retirement in 1994.

Lena was a member of NANA. Many people were the benefactors of her loving skills as she was an avid gardener and enjoyed canning and freezing. She also enjoyed baking, quilting, sewing, and classical music. She was described as being meticulous. Following her retirement, she shared her compassion and professionalism by volunteering with Hospice and other programs such as disaster relief.

December 29, 1993, was proclaimed Lena D. Schild Day by executive proclamation by then governor Walter Dale Miller.

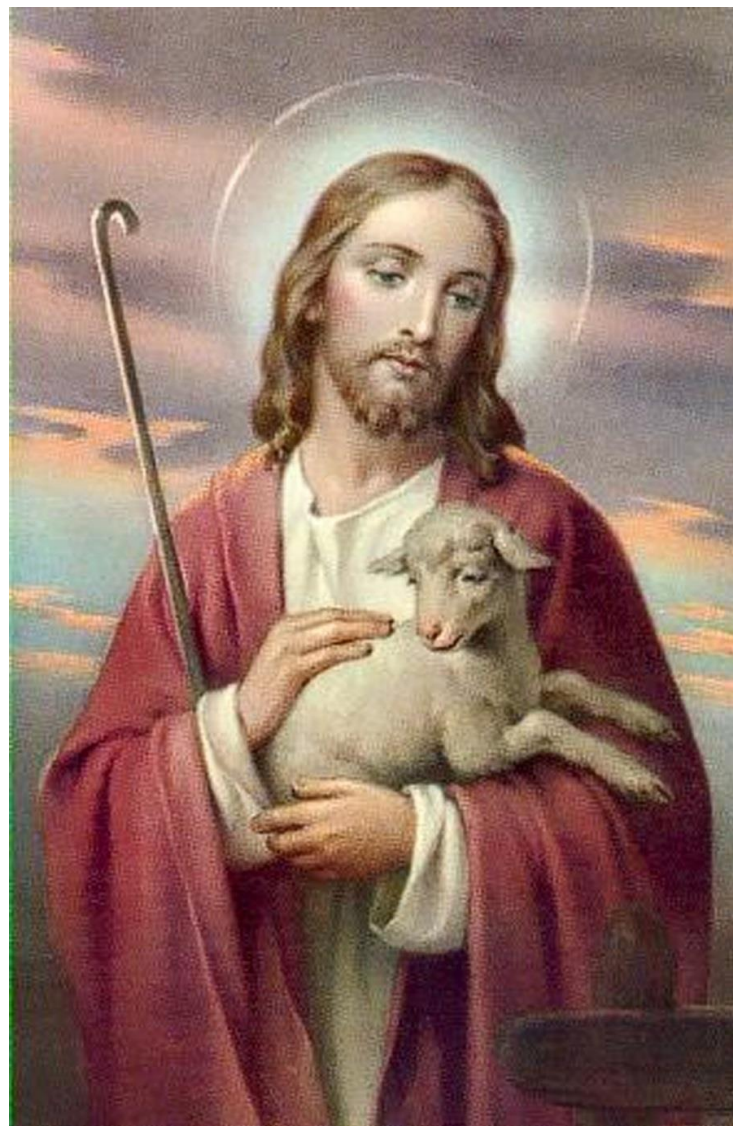
Lena D. Schild, 90, Sturgis, died Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Sturgis Regional Health Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Harlan Schild, Sturgis; one brother, Dr. Ivan Dassenko, Salem OR; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers, and four sisters.

A memorial has been established to Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Lena D. Schild

1923 ~ 2014

Psalm 91

New International Version (NIV)

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]

² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his

feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ "Because he^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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Born

August 12, 1923

Watford City, North Dakota

Died

May 4, 2014

Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

Rapid City, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor David Schwan

Pastor Paul Winckler

Organist

Julie Beach

Soloist

Dave Withee

Pallbearers

Bob Haivala ~ Gary Rathke ~ Jerry Austin

Leon Thurston ~ Scott Bonde ~ Shannon Rittberger

Interment

Monday, May 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Black Hills National Cemetery

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.