



## GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around  
his garden  
And found an empty  
space;  
He then looked down  
upon this earth  
And saw your tired  
face.

He put his arm around  
you  
And lifted you to rest;

God's garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew you might never  
Get well upon this 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 never went alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you Home.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Evelyn I. Schwebach*

WHO WAS BORN

March 26, 1926

Moody County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

March 11, 2018

Graceville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Chokio, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Fr. John Paul Knopik

MUSICIANS

Becky Draper, Organist

Amy Blackwelder, Pianist

St. Mary's Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS

David Tritz    Brian Baxter    Jamie VanEps  
Ethan Marihart    Kayla Rinkenberger    Eric Schwebach

INTERMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Chokio, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Evelyn's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship at the church.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

**E**velyn Ida Ahlers was born on March 26, 1926, to Joseph and Pauline (Bricher) Ahlers at her home on the family farm in Moody County, SD.

Evelyn attended and graduated high school from St. Mary's Catholic School in Dell Rapids, SD. After high school, she pursued nurse's training in Mitchell, SD. She encountered many types of patients; she even tended to some of the four-legged variety!

Her future husband, Ambrose Schwebach, tormented her in grade school. There is a rumor of a young, light-haired Evelyn chasing a slightly larger, black-haired Ambrose around the school room with a book. The two eventually fell in love and were married on September 2, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dell Rapids. After 47 years of marriage, Ambrose passed away in 1995.

The couple lived west of Graceville for five years, then bought a farm four and one-half miles east of Collis, MN. This union was blessed with six children: Shirley, James, Paula, Joanne, Jeanne, and Thomas. She was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Collis. She was on the church council until 1988. After the church closed, they began attending St. Mary's in Chokio.

Evelyn always had a big garden. She utilized her perfect aim with her .22 to keep the rabbits out. She canned massive amounts of fruits and vegetables from her garden. The canned goods were used to feed her family, hired men, and anybody else her husband would bring to the house. She baked bread weekly and made the best pies. Evelyn was an excellent seamstress who made many of her own patterns. At an early age, her daughters learned to sew straight or redo it.

Evelyn loved to crochet and made many beautiful doilies and angels. She was a member of St. Mary's Guild and Christian Women's Club. She enjoyed her weekly craft group meetings. They sold their crafts at the annual bazaar. Evelyn was a dedicated member of the church choir. She could often be heard humming or singing as she worked around the house or farm.

Evelyn is survived by her children: Shirley (John) Tritz of Dumont, MN; Paula (Ed) Baxter of Graceville, MN; Joanne (Dale) Marihart of Dumont, MN; Jeanne (Chuck) Meidl of Barrett, MN; and Thomas (Roxanne) Schwebach of Fennimore, WI; daughter-in-law, Renee Schwebach of Dumont, MN; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brothers: Joe, Vince, and Arn; sister, Marce Rave; sister-in-law, Wilma; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Joseph and Pauline Ahlers; husband, Ambrose; son, James; grandsons: Nicholas and Isaiah; and her brothers: Sylvester, Don, and Jerome.

