



### *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

## *Mariann A. Whempner*

WHO WAS BORN

June 11, 1935

Sisseton, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

April 14, 2018

Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, April 20, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Wilmot, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Gary DeRouchey

MUSICIANS

Bobbi Jo Meyer, Organist

Tim Mundwiler, Vocalist at the Vigil

HONORARY BEARERS

Grandchildren and Great-granddaughter:

Shelby Whempner Emmett Whempner Levi Whempner

Jorja Whempner Nicole Ficenec Kyle Ficenec

Melanie Krempges Michael Krempges Bobbi Jo Argo

Tyler Argo Brayden Truelson Noah Truelson Zada Nielsen

CASKET BEARERS

Gene Lutt Paul Hamling David Whempner

Eugene Whempner Vernon Whempner Jim Hohertz

Jerome Hohertz Steve Harles Wayne Harles

INTERMENT

Wilmot City Cemetery, Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Mariann'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 Wilmot Community Center.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

*Mariann A. (Hamling) Whempner was born on June 11, 1935, in Sisseton, SD. She was the daughter of Henry Hamling Sr. and Theresa Herding. Mariann grew up in Rosholt and graduated from Rosholt High School with the Class of 1953. She continued her education in Aberdeen, SD at Northern State Teacher's College where she earned her teacher's certificate.*

*Mariann was united in marriage with Lee Raymond Whempner on June 2, 1959, in Rosholt. Mariann taught school in New Effington for a couple of years. She taught in rural schools in Spring Grove Township, and in Springdale Township, both in Roberts County.*

*Mariann and Lee were blessed with six children. They raised their family on the farm where Mariann was a hardworking wife and mother. She was willing to help with the farming and always brought lunch to the field. She loved to cook and bake. She made sure she always had enough to feed her family plus the farm hands. She had a huge vegetable garden and enjoyed canning her harvest. She and Lee enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending winters in Texas. Lee died on November 21, 2000.*

*Mariann loved to sew and quilt. She worked sewing quilts for "Dakotah" for several years. She also sewed volumes of quilts at home. She has passed that talent to her daughters and granddaughters, giving away many sewing machines. Her family will cherish the many quilts that she made for them. She liked to sell her garden goods and quilts at farmer's markets and flea markets. She was "famous" for her super secret recipe for homemade sausage. Even her children were not given the recipe until recently!*

*Left to cherish her memory are her children: Sheila (Christopher) Ficenec of Alexandria, MN; Diane Whempner (Arthur Argo Jr.) of Wilmot, SD; Elaine (Tim) Truelson of Owatonna, MN; Michael Whempner of Wilmot, SD; and Todd (Billi) Whempner of Wilmot, SD; son-in-law, Richard Krempges of Canova, SD; 12 grandchildren: Shelby Whempner, Emmett Whempner, Levi Whempner, Jorja Whempner, Nicole Ficenec, Kyle Ficenec, Melanie (Krempges) Sorensen, Michael Krempges, Bobbi Jo Argo, Tyler Argo, Brayden Truelson, and Noah Truelson; one great-granddaughter, Zayda Nielsen; siblings: Eleanor Harles of Lidgerwood, ND; Dorothy Neuberger of Eden, SD; Margaret Smaldone of Hermosa Beach, CA; Darlene Halseth of Riverdale, ND; and Dennis Hamling of Rosholt, SD. Mariann was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Theresa; husband, Lee; daughter, Lori; grandson, Darin; siblings: Delores Harles, Tony Hamling, Henry Hamling, and Raymond Hamling.*

