

## **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.





"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." ~ Cicero

"In search of my mother's garden, I found my own."

~ Alice Walker

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Joyce Darlene Wagner

WHO WAS BORN October 6, 1936 Clinton, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME February 7, 2019 Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE Monday, February 25, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. Elim Lutheran Church Clinton, Minnesota

> OFFICIANT Pastor Richard Larson

MUSICIANS Kathy Moberg, Accompanist Dennis Carlson, Guitarist Joyce's Grandchildren, Vocalists

URN BEARERS Bradley Wagner Craig Wagner

HONORARY BEARERS Joyce's Nephews: Cary Leuthardt Calvin Leuthardt Jeffery Leuthardt Mark Leuthardt Michael Leuthardt Dean Carlson Scott Carlson American Legion and VFW Ladies Auxillary

> INURNMENT Clinton City Cemetery Clinton, Minnesota

## APPRECIATION

Joyce's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Moberg Chapel Clinton, Minnesota Joyce Darlene (Carlson) Wagner was born on October 6, 1936, in Clinton, MN, to Walter and Frieda (Ewert) Carlson. She attended country school and graduated from Clinton High School in 1954. She dated Wayne Wagner, and the two were married on August 25, 1956, after Wayne returned from the Navy.

The couple lived in Madison, MN, where Joyce was a stay-at-home mom and raised five children. In 1976, they moved to Ashby, MN, to a home on Pelican Lake, where both she and Wayne enjoyed fishing. They then moved to Sioux Falls, SD, in 1979, where they purchased Sioux Well Drilling. She worked side by side with Wayne in the rain, wind, and snow. Later, in 2001, Joyce and Wayne moved back to Clinton, MN, and remained there until her move into the Fairway View Care Center.

Joyce was an active member in the church and VFW Auxiliary, where she served as President. She enjoyed bowling, ceramics, and being a den mother. Joyce liked being a red hatter, and she was a strong member and supporter of the restoration of the Clinton Depot. She also loved gardening, canning, cooking, baking, and decorating both indoors and outdoors, especially "the berm." Joyce was an avid reader and took pride in her family. She enjoyed taking her family camping, dancing, and was known for doing the "Twist." Some of her fondest memories were at the Penguin Bar.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Gail (Ron) Schlimme of Clinton, MN; Darla (Roy) Hope of North Oaks, MN; Bradley Wagner of Brandon, SD; Brenda (Phil) Manson of White Bear Lake, MN; and Craig (Doni) Wagner of Hartford, SD; 15 grandchildren: Chantel, Derrick, Chaz, Kiana, Ty, Garth, Saige, Aaron, Shawna, Edward, Jarad, Matthew, Laura, Dustin, and Kelsey; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey (Jim) Weinman; brother, Dennis (Carol) Carlson; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Wayne; infant daughter; and her parents.

Following the lunch, it was Joyce's wish that her family and friends join together at her home, in Clinton, to have a beer in her memory and celebrate her life.

