



### *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

## *Frances Lucille Kunde*

WHO WAS BORN

May 15, 1920

Lac Qui Parle County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

August 11, 2019

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, August 17, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Kent Groethe

MUSICIANS

Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pianist

John Sneed, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Rick Estenson   Brian Estenson   Aaron Dolen

Dennis Estenson   Adam Dolen   John Sneed

INTERMENT

LaBolt Cemetery

LaBolt, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

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

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

**F**rances Lucille (Bates) Kunde was born on May 15, 1920, in Lac Qui Parle County (three miles southeast of Marietta, MN). She was the fourth of seven children born to Lewellyn and Emma (Schuler) Bates. She attended country grade school for eight years. Frances married Selmer Estenson and had four children: Selmer Jr., Jean, Sharon, and Dennis. She was married to Norman Dolen for 32 years, and raised a son, Terry. She worked with the Visiting Neighbor Program for eleven years and enjoyed helping others in their homes.

On March 24, 1984, Frances married Kenneth Kunde, and through this union acquired four stepchildren: Jane, Joan, Jean, and Jim. Ken and Fran traveled for 20 years all around the United States and wintered many years in Arizona. Fran was known for her wonderful cooking and baking, and she was also a master gardener. She had a special fondness for flowers and could never seem to have enough. Some of her other interests were listening to music, dancing, going to Branson, fishing, playing cards, reading, sewing, watching baseball, and entertaining in her home. She was always ready for a good time. Although her hands were very familiar with hard work, she always kept her nails manicured and perfectly polished. She epitomized 'forever young' with her 'can do' attitude and by keeping active.

Fran's faith was important to her, and she felt that God had richly blessed her throughout her lifetime.

Frances is survived by her husband, Kenneth Kunde of Milbank, SD; daughters: Jean Angelson of Springfield, MO; and Sharon Eakes of Lake Benton, MN; daughters-in-law: Rose Estenson of Joplin, MO Julie (Steve) Heggstad of Montevideo, MN; and Robin Vaselaar of Lake Benton, MN; stepchildren: Jane (Jim) Rooker of Atwood, TN; Joan (Tom) Wagner of Marvin, SD; Jean (Derwin) Dorale of Watertown, SD; and Jim (Melody) Kunde of Milbank, SD; and 29 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Lewellyn and Emma; husband, Norman Dolen; sons: Terry, Selmer, Jr., and Dennis; sons-in-law: Harry Angelson and Webb Eakes; and grandchildren: Jackie Schell, Shelly Alexander, and Eddie Rooker.

