



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

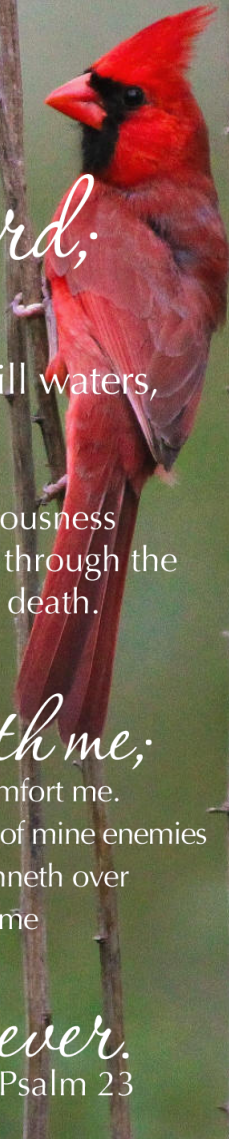
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



In Loving Memory of

Mary A. Kraetsch

December 19, 1934 - December 24, 2023



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Memorial Service

Friday, December 29, 2023 - 11:00 AM
First Presbyterian Church
Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Steven Voris

Scripture

Matthew 11:24-30
John 5:24-29
John 14:1-4

Music

Pianist - Diane Boyenga
Soloist - Terrie Gulden,
"The Wind Beneath My Wings"

Congregational Hymns

"Standing On The Promises" - Hymn #838, vs. 1 & 4
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Hymn #834
"Blessed Assurance" - Hymn #839

Urn Bearers

Annette Sandager Katherine Kraetsch
Eric Kraetsch Ashley Kraetsch
Laura Hoebing Casey Elbers
Yssi Entzie

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery
Luverne, Minnesota

Following the service, friends are invited to join the family
for food and sharing in the church fellowship hall.

Arrangements By
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Mary Anne Kraetsch, age 89, of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away peacefully with family by her side on December 24, 2023 at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Mary was born on December 19, 1934 in Magnolia, Minnesota to Earnest & Myrtle (Lehmann) Kleine. She was raised in Magnolia and attended school there. After graduating high school in 1952, she moved to St. Paul where she worked as Secretary to the President of Farmer's Union for three years. Mary was united in marriage to Floyd Kraetsch on October 15, 1955 at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. They made their home on the Kraetsch family farm south of Kanaranzi and were blessed with three children. Mary was a dedicated homemaker, spending hours preparing hearty dinners and baked treats for the farm workers. Following decades of farming, the couple moved to Luverne. Mary and Floyd enjoyed traveling with family and friends, lake vacations in northern Minnesota and summers in the Iowa Great Lakes area.

Mary was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Luverne and was active in Rebekah Circle and UPW, often sharing her creative talents by decorating for events and worship areas. She was a member of Luverne 92 Lions and often volunteered at the Minnesota Veterans Home and for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Her hobbies included collecting and refinishing antiques, flower gardens, needlework and quilting.

Mary is survived by her husband of 68 years, Floyd of Luverne; son, Kevin (Sherri) of Magnolia; two daughters, Karla (Timothy) Kuisle of Northfield, Minnesota, and Kelly (Dave Konopacky) of Conover, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Annette Sandager, Katherine Kraetsch, Eric Kraetsch, Ashley Kraetsch and Laura Hoebing; step grandchildren, Nicole Cronquist, Casey Elbers and Yssi Entzie; fourteen great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred (John) Steece of Luverne; brothers, Dallas of Bullhead City, Arizona, and Thomas of Summerville, South Carolina; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eight sisters, Margaret Pickard, Evelyn Nelson, Barbara Dye, Nyla Stearns, Helen Taillefer, Joyce Hawes, Patty Krier, Janis Glapa; and four brothers, Rodney Kleine, William Kleine, Donald Kleine, Louis Kleine.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to further support Mary's passion for helping others through Presbyterian Women, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 302 Central Lane, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156.