Reinhilde "Hilda" was the second born child of Josef Hofer and Agnes (Angemeier) Hofer, formerly of Buch am Erlbach, Germany. She was born February 24, 1937, in Buch am Erlbach, Bavaria, Germany.

Hilda was a graduate of Wartenburg Hauptschule (High School) in 1954 and continued her education training as a seamstress and tailor while attending a technical college in Munich, graduating in 1957. She met James Dokken while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force at Rammstein AFB, and in 1961 they exchanged vows, marking the beginning of a beautiful marriage of 62+ years. Hilda spent 15 of Jim's 20 year military career as his steadfast civilian partner. Together, they raised three wonderful children: Joseph Martin born in Germany, Michael James born in Germany, and Thomas Keith born in California, who brought immense joy and happiness into their home. At each new duty assignment, Hilda was fully involved in military life and social activities. Yet her greatest pride and joy was raising her three boys.

When Jim retired and returned to his hometown in 1975, she spent the next 40+ years as a seamstress and tailor, working at several businesses in the Willmar area. Additionally, Hilda made a significant leap of faith and started her own business, "Alterations by Hilda," at her residence on 3rd St. SE in 1998. Her youngest son, Tom, was very involved for many years as a work partner. She continued to do alterations, even as she celebrated her 80th birthday.

Hilda was a faithful attender and member of the Assembly of God Church in Willmar. She very much loved all the staff, especially those who would stop by to visit, or be in need of her sewing skills.

Reinhilde Agnes Dokken passed away peacefully November 9th, at Bethesda Grand in Willmar, entering her eternal reward as a follower of Jesus Christ. Her life was a testament to dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to her family, faith, community, and profession.

She is survived by son, Joseph (and Janet) of Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin; son, Michael of Chaska, Minnesota; son, Thomas of Willmar; three grandchildren, Aaron (and Katie) Dokken of Butler, Illinois; Lauren (and Matthew)Burg, and Timothy Dokken of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and five great-granddaughters, Gwenyvere, Verity and Myrielle Dokken, and Eleanor and Rainy Burg; brother, Anton (and Theresia) Lechner of Kirchberg, Bavaria, Germany; brother-in-law, Josef (Sepp) Bichlmaier of Viecht, Bavaria, Germany; sister-in-law, Janet (and Allan) Hillstrom; and many loving nieces and nephews in Germany and in the United States.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L Dokken; her parents; sister, Magdalena Bichlmaier of Viecht, Bavaria, Germany; sister, Cordula (and Fritz) Mitschke of Wartenberg, Bavaria, Germany; sisters-in-law, Arlene (and Herbert) Sharstrom and Delores (and Henry) Kottwitz; and brother-in-law, Donald (and Janet Peterson) Dokken.

Hilda leaves behind a legacy of genuine love and care for anyone who entered her home, whether for business or just to visit. She will truly be missed.

# Celebrating the Life of



Hilda Dokken

1937 - 2023

### Twenty-Third Psalm

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 and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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### In Loving Memory Of

## Hílda Dokken

February 24, 1937

November 9, 2023

Buch am Erlbach, Bavaria, Germany

Willmar, Minnesota

#### Celebration of Life Service

Friday, December 1, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

Assembly of God Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude Pastor Clint Carter

Processional

Welcome & Opening Prayer Pastor Keith Kerstetter

Opening Worship Songs Pastor Clint Carter

"Wonderful Cross" & "I Want To Be Where You Are"

Scripture & Thoughts Pastor Joe Dokken

Time of Remembrance - Psalm 118 Thomas Dokken & Aaron Dokken

Special Music "I Can Only Imagine" Janet Dokken & Family

Time of Remembrance - Psalm 23 Mike Dokken

Message Pastor Keith Kerstetter

Prayer Pastor Keith Kerstetter

Video Tribute of Mom and Family "Unforgettable" - Tom Whitcomb

Congregational Song "Be Thou My Vision"

Closing Prayer & Benediction Pastor Keith Kerstetter

Recessional

Postlude

#### **Private Interment**

Calvary Lutheran Cemetery Willmar, Minnesota