



FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A

SEASON,

AND A TIME FOR EVERY
PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN:

A TIME TO BE BORN,

AND A TIME TO DIE;

A TIME TO PLANT,

A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT

WHICH IS PLANTED;

A TIME TO KILL,

AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN,

AND A TIME TO BUILD UP,

A TIME TO WEEP

AND A TIME TO DANCE;

A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES,

A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER;

A TIME TO *EMBRACE*

AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;

A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE;

A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;

A TIME TO MEND,

AND A TIME TO SEW;

A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE,

AND A TIME TO SPEAK;

A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME

TO HATE; A TIME FOR WAR,

AND A TIME FOR *PEACE*

- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Leora Gayl Walsh

WHO WAS BORN

October 7, 1929

Avon, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

September 21, 2024

Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, September 27, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

United Congregational Church of Christ

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Lynn Thomas

MUSICIAN

Amy Adelman, Accompanist

CASKET BEARERS

Alex Johnson | Javier Johnson | Cory Walsh | Luke Walsh

Jed Walsh | Tyler Eichers | Dane Morgan | Asa Walsh

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Leora's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Terrace Lawn Memory Gardens

Montevideo, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Leora'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 at the Ortonville Community Center.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Leora Gayl (Hawkey) Walsh was born on October 7, 1929, in Avon, SD, to Lester George and Pearl Anne (Davis) Hawkey. She was born at home on the family farm assisted by a country doctor. Leora was the third of four daughters, all of whom had unique names: Leola, Leona, Leora, and Alyce Carol. Leora attended country school through eighth grade then attended Avon High School in Avon, SD. She graduated in 1947 as the Valedictorian of her class. She attended Southern State Teacher's College in Springfield, SD, now a minimum-security prison. One of her college highlights was being chosen Homecoming Queen.

In 1952, Leora married Lawrence Edward Walsh, Sr., a high school teacher originally from Armour, SD. They lived in South Dakota until 1955 when they moved to Maynard, MN. After 23 years they moved to Ortonville, MN. Their marriage was blessed with six children.

Leora taught school for more than 36 years. She taught every grade in elementary school as well as being an elementary principal in Sacred Heart, MN, for 15 years. Her last year of teaching was at the Lismore Hutterite Colony near Clinton, MN. Leora had a deep love, concern, and respect for all the children she had the privilege to teach. After retiring from teaching, she worked as a health aid and activities director at various senior care facilities.

Leora had a strong belief in God which was evident by her unwavering faith and her dedication to her church community. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend who always had a ready smile that helped her see humor and joy in all of God's creations. She especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought delight and laughter to her life.

Remaining to cherish her memory are her six children: Lawrence Edward "Ed" Walsh, Jr. of Sioux Falls, SD; Lori (Rod) Johnson of Royalton, MN, Jim (Roda) Walsh of Maynard, MN; Leanne (Brad) Walsh Becker of Sauk Rapids, MN; Robert Walsh of Big Stone City, SD; and Thomas (Raquel) Walsh of Ortonville, MN; 18 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; her two sisters: Leola Jurrens and Alyce Carol Burma; many nieces and nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

Leora was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence; her sister, Leona Shea; brothers-in-law: Conley Shea, Lawrence Jurrens, George Burma, Jack Rathbun, Louis Walsh, and Vince Walsh, and sisters-in-law: Jeanne Rathbun, Marcia Wash, and Maureen Walsh.

Mom, Leora, Grandma, Mrs. Walsh, thank you for being the sunshine to so many throughout your life.

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