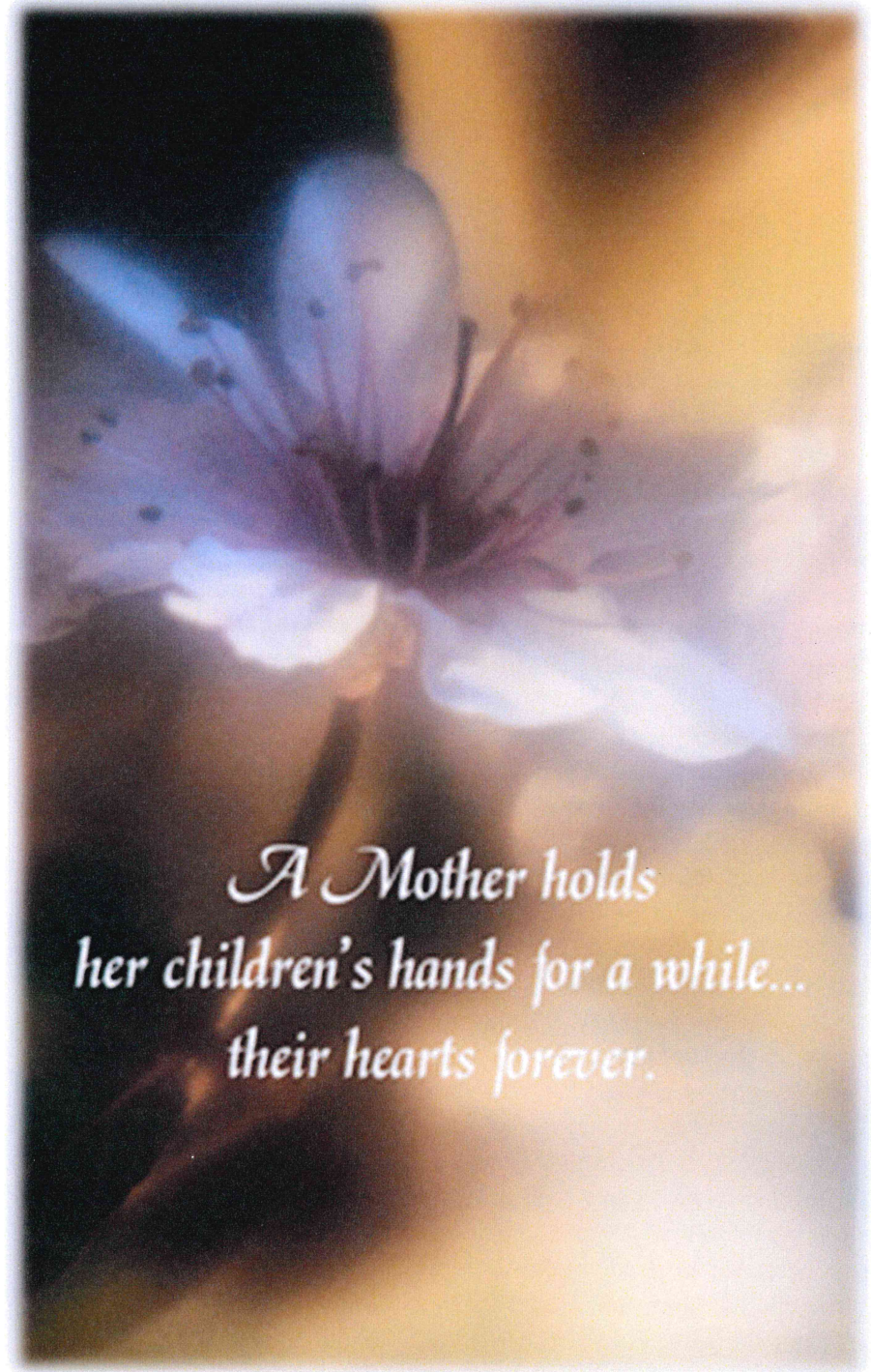


GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on 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 didn't go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.





Patricia Joan Dunnam was born on the farm in Union County, South Dakota on May 13, 1934 (Mother's Day) to Emil and Johanna (Jensen) Lindgren. She attended Greater Scott country school and Hawarden High School. The "town" kids called her "Patsy from the sticks."

She entered nurses training at St. Luke's in Sioux City. While in nurses training, she went on a blind date and met the love of her life, a tall slim airman named Jim Dunnam. They were married in June of

1954. Pat's mother and her aunt Minnie disapproved of the marriage and said it would never last because Jim was in the military. They traveled extensively for over 20 plus years and when it was time to retire from the military, they decided to buy the family farm where Pat was born.

Pat's childhood included being involved in all aspects of farm life. She excelled in home economics in school and was always busy cooking for large groups of farm help.

4-H years saw her winning a purple ribbon at the South Dakota State Fair for her cherry pie. Since that time, she has been known far and wide for her pies. Her special friend, Luke Boyer, will miss her pies as well as her friendship. Her fresh baked goods at farmers market always sold out. Homemade jams and jellies were another specialty.

Pat worked as an LPN, Home Health Aide, and Hospice volunteer. She was honored at the state level as Hospice Volunteer of the Year. She also enjoyed writing cards for birthdays and anniversaries for members of their church.

She was an avid writer, composing short stories and poems. She loved writing letters and had many pen pals over the years. Pat died on Thursday morning, February 16, 2023 at the Sanford Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 88. Her daughters and 2 granddaughters were present to see God call her home.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 68 years, Jim; four children, Andrea Whittington of Rapid City, SD, James (Betty) Dunnam of Alcester, SD, Alice (Doug) Peters of Hawarden, and Dale Dunnam of Kansas City, MO; son-in-law, Scott Persing of Hudson, SD; sister, Pauline Popken of Elma, IA; brother-in-law, Larry Nilson of rural Hawarden; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Johanna Lindgren; sisters, Beverly Lindgren and Peggy Nilson; brother, Paul Lindgren; and daughter, Sue Persing.

The world is a little less bright today with the loss of this wonderful woman. But the world is a whole lot better because she was a part of it.

In Loving Memory Of
Patricia Joan Dunnam

May 13, 1934 † February 16, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Friendship Assembly Of God Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Larry Nilson, Wayne Noelck, Sandra Drown

ORGANIST

Alice Waterman

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

"In the Garden"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Well Done"

CASKET BEARERS

Sam Benton ~ Brent Wielenga
Seth Whittington ~ Shawn Warfield
Mike Peters ~ Boston Wielenga

INTERMENT

at a later date

Pleasant Valley Cemetery
west of Hawarden in Union County, South Dakota

*Please join Pat's family for a time of refreshment and fellowship
in the church basement following the funeral service.*