



God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

“Come with Me.”

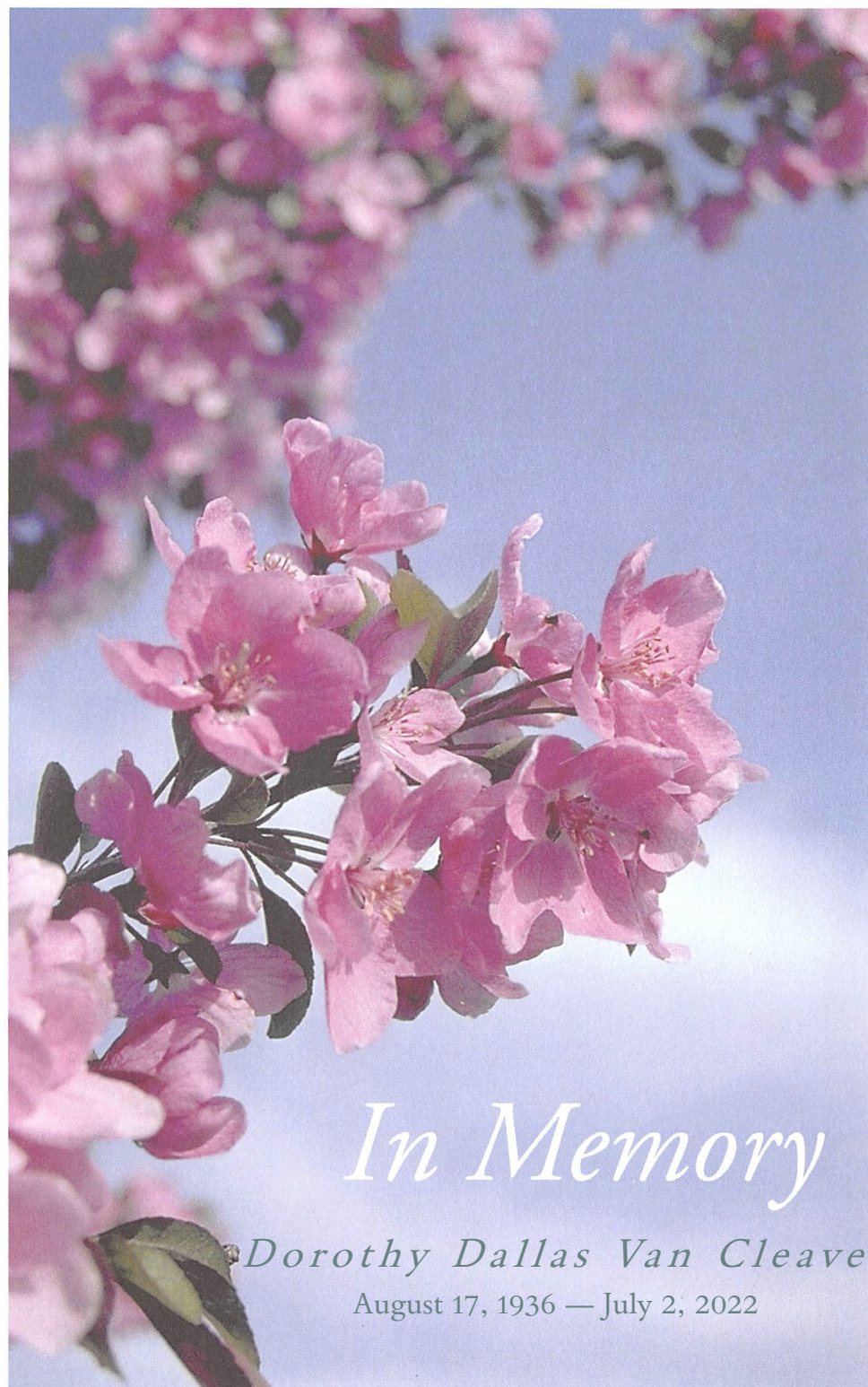
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!



In Memory

Dorothy Dallas Van Cleave

August 17, 1936 — July 2, 2022

Dorothy D. Van Cleave, 85, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at St. Francis Nursing Home.

Dorothy was born in Richland County on August 17, 1936 to John and Anna (Jirak) Dozak, the fifth of eleven children, and raised on the family farm near Fairmount. She graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1954 and began working for a local hardware store soon after.



On June 8, 1957, she was united in marriage to her life-long best friend and companion, Hubert D. Van Cleave at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church. In 1959, their family grew with their first child, Steven, and soon after followed David and Judith. The family moved a number of times over these years, before settling in Miller, SD, where their fourth child, Kathy, was born. The family eventually moved back to the Fairmount, ND area in 1979, residing there until 1990 when they moved to Wahpeton. In 2002, Dorothy was moved to St. Francis Nursing Home where she received loving care for nearly twenty years.

A Den Mother to the local Cub Scout troop, Dorothy was known to be a very loving and devoted mother and later, grandmother. She excelled at being a stay at home wife and mother. She was a fantastic cook, baker, and hostess, having an array of bars and coffee ready for guests. Her home was immaculately clean and well organized and she was always very well dressed, as she wanted to present herself nicely. Dorothy was very observant, yet reserved and soft spoken.

Dorothy became an expert gardener by absorbing as much information as she could from gardening magazines. From her bounty, she canned and cooked the best home grown produce. She was also good at sewing and furniture upholstery. In her free time, she enjoyed playing cards, doing word searches, watching "Wheel of Fortune", and playing Bingo when she was able. She loved dogs and especially adored her granddog, Jasper. In her later years, Dorothy became more and more spiritual and strong in her faith, attending services every week at the nursing home.

Left to cherish Dorothy's memory are her children: Steven (Machelle) Van Cleave, David (Veronica Miller) Van Cleave, Judith Van Cleave, and Kathy (Dan) Czichotzki; grandchildren: Jeremy (Becky) Van Cleave, Terry Van Cleave, and Morgan Czichotzki; great-granddaughter, Josephine Van Cleave; brothers: Donald (Bev), Delwin, John (Judy), Ken, and Jerry Dozak; sisters: Doris Bulik and Marilyn Lingen; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hubert; her brothers: DuWayne and David Dozak; and her sister, Delores Dohman.

Remembering THE LIFE OF

Dorothy Dallas (Dozak) Van Cleave



Born: August 17, 1936 ~ Fairmount, North Dakota

Went to her Heavenly home: July 2, 2022 ~ Breckenridge, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home

11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 7, 2022

Breckenridge, Minnesota

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Tom Peterson, Celebrant

Paul Peterson, Soloist

Joni Biel, Accompanist

MUSIC

How Great Thou Art ~ Just A Closer Walk with Thee

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery ~ Wahpeton, North Dakota

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Dorothy with your presence at the service.