

Dorothy Mae Anderson was born on April 9, 1926, to William and Amy Dake in rural Howard Lake. She attended school and graduated from Howard Lake and went on to attend teachers training in Litchfield. Later she returned to St. Cloud State University to receive her degree. She taught elementary education for over 40 years; retiring from Howard Lake-Waverly Schools in 1987. After she retired, she enjoyed teaching beginner piano to several students. It gave her the opportunity to combine her love for teaching and piano.

She would often share the details about the beginnings of her relationship with God. When she was about five years old, she remembered looking up in the heavens one night and telling God that she loved Him very much and wanted to serve Him for the rest of her life. She made her choice publicly when she was approximately nine years old and remained faithful to that promise until her death.

On August 15, 1950, she married Donald W. Anderson. They celebrated 66 years of marriage before his death in March of 2017. They lived and traveled to different places throughout their years; as a result, they've made many friends. Family and friends have always meant a lot to Don and Dorothy.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Donna (David) Johnson of Ashby, Donald L (Patty) Anderson of Isanti, Marlene Johnson of Hugo and Patty (Curt) Henderson, Minnetrista. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren, and her sister Gert Pettit of Howard Lake. Dorothy called her very special friend, Melissa (Randy) Braund her 'other daughter'. Melissa (Randy) Braund live in Alexandria.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Donald W. Anderson, son Douglas Anderson, daughter in law Kristin Anderson, son in law Richard (Rich) Johnson, granddaughter Alexis (Lexie) Anderson, brothers William E. Dake and LeRoy Dake and sisters Blanche Miller and Mildred Dake, who died in infancy.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Dorothy M. Anderson*

*1926 - 2023*

In Loving Memory Of

*Dorothy Mae Anderson*

April 9, 1926

Howard Lake, Minnesota

February 19, 2023

Glencoe, Minnesota

**Funeral Service**

Friday, February 24, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center

Atwater, Minnesota

**Officiants**

Ron Thomke   Dorothy Kleeb   Brooke Henderson

**Musicians**

Rachel Olson   Abby Henderson

*"So Kind A Shepherd" - No. 54*

*"Sweet Is The Rest" - No. 317*

**Casketbearers**

Mark Johnson   Eric Anderson   Ben Henderson

Dan Henderson   Weston Johnson   Ben Johnson

Chris Chap   Zach Bratten

**Spring Interment**

Burr Oak Cemetery

Grove City, Minnesota

*'Tis not in vain,  
Oh may our hearts retain  
This precious thought  
And glorify His name  
In all we think and say and do  
And to the very end keep  
Pure and true.*

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