



*A limb has fallen
from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
"Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived
while I was strong.
Continue my heritage,
I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.
Remembering all,
how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions,
no matter how small.
Go on with your life,
don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes,
we're together again.*

In Loving Memory



Arlene G. Schaefer

February 7, 1932 - March 25, 2023

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Arlene Schaefer



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PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Andrew Underhile

MUSIC

Pinky Huether – organist

Processional

How Great Thou Art by Alan Jackson

Congregational Hymns

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

In the Garden

I'll Fly Away

Special Music

Jodi Fuerst ~ soloist

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Chris Tomlin

Jealous of the Angels by Donna Taggart

Recessional

Well Done by The Afters

PALLBEARERS

Dennis Schaefer, Paul Bloch, Brian Weisser,
Doug Brandt, Brian Brandt, Jarrod Nuss

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nieces and Nephews

INTERMENT

Friedens Reformed Church Cemetery
Tripp, South Dakota

Arlene was born on February 7, 1932, at the Frey homestead by Tripp, SD to Emanuel and Louise Frey (Weisser). Arlene was baptized and confirmed at Friedens Reformed Church. She attended country school through the 8th grade at Lake Point School.

Arlene was united in marriage to LaVern Schaefer on September 6, 1953, at Friedens Reformed Church. They were married for 68 years. They were blessed with 4 children. Arlene was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Friedens Reformed Church. She was a Scout Mom for Boys Scouts, Chapter Mom for FHA, an Honorary FHA Chapter Member and was in the Band Boosters while her children attended school. Arlene and Elva Brosz catered for many events such as proms, weddings, banquets and anniversaries. They were also janitors at the Legion Hall. She also worked at the Dairy Haven and later at the Lunch Box as a cook. Arlene worked at the Tripp Good Samaritan Center as a cook for 22 years until she retired. After retirement, she continued to make kuchen on Good Friday for the residents.



Family was very important to Arlene. She enjoyed the gatherings with family for birthdays, holidays, or just to get together. She cherished spending time with her children, especially her grandson and great-grandchildren. She really enjoyed last summer at



Matt's. Especially the chickens! She has always liked chickens since a child. Arlene liked playing games, dominos, cards and going to Polka dances, listening to Polka music (especially Molly B on Saturday nights). She also enjoyed watching Danny O'Donnell on Saturday nights. Arlene loved to bake and cook. She was known for her caramel rolls, kuchen and chicken & dumplings. She was always willing to share her recipes and show you how to make anything (even the caramel popcorn balls). She also kept busy gardening and canning (pickles were a treat for everyone in the family). Arlene enjoyed quilting and made many quilts for her family and for gifts.

Arlene passed away peacefully at home with her family at her bedside and went home to the Lord on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the age of 91.

Arlene will be remembered by her children, Lila Schaefer, Watertown, SD, Allen Schaefer, Rapid City, SD, Marilyn (Tim) Fischer, Rapid City, SD and Barbara Schaefer, Watertown, SD; grandson, Matt Fischer (Alia Cota) Northwood, ND; great-grandchildren, Jordan Fischer, Nampa, ID, Kyle Fischer, Northwood, ND and Charlotte Cota, Northwood, ND and many nieces and nephews.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, LaVern Schaefer in 2022; parents, Emanuel and Louise Frey (Weisser); step-dad, Paul Weisser; father and mother-in-law, Simon and Alvina Schaefer; sisters, Velda Mehlhaff and Shirley Bloch; brother, Harvey Weisser; sisters-in-law, Darlene Weisser, Vesta Nuss, Lone Schaefer and Velma Schaefer; special person to the family, Hazel Niemyck; brothers-in-law, Ruben Mehlhaff, Frank Bloch, Eugene Nuss, Gilbert Schaefer, Wilber Schaefer and Victor Schaefer; nephews, Wayne Odegaard, Roger Mehlhaff, Paul Saenz, Gregg Weisser and Wayne Nuss and great-nephew, Josh Odegaard.

Two Mothers Remembered

I had two Mothers – two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name.
Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.
She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh just as Mothers and daughters do.

But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she was the child and I was her strength.
We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children
should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes
and the old goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing
that I didn't do.
Love both of your Mothers,
as both loved you.

