

Spring Garden

So when I looked at those flowers,

I was looking at God.

For they blossomed in His sun,

and grew in His sod.

And each lovely flower

was a “voice from above,”

that whispered a message

of kindness and love.

For I feel in my heart,

and I know you do, too,

That God speaks to us all

through the kind things we do.

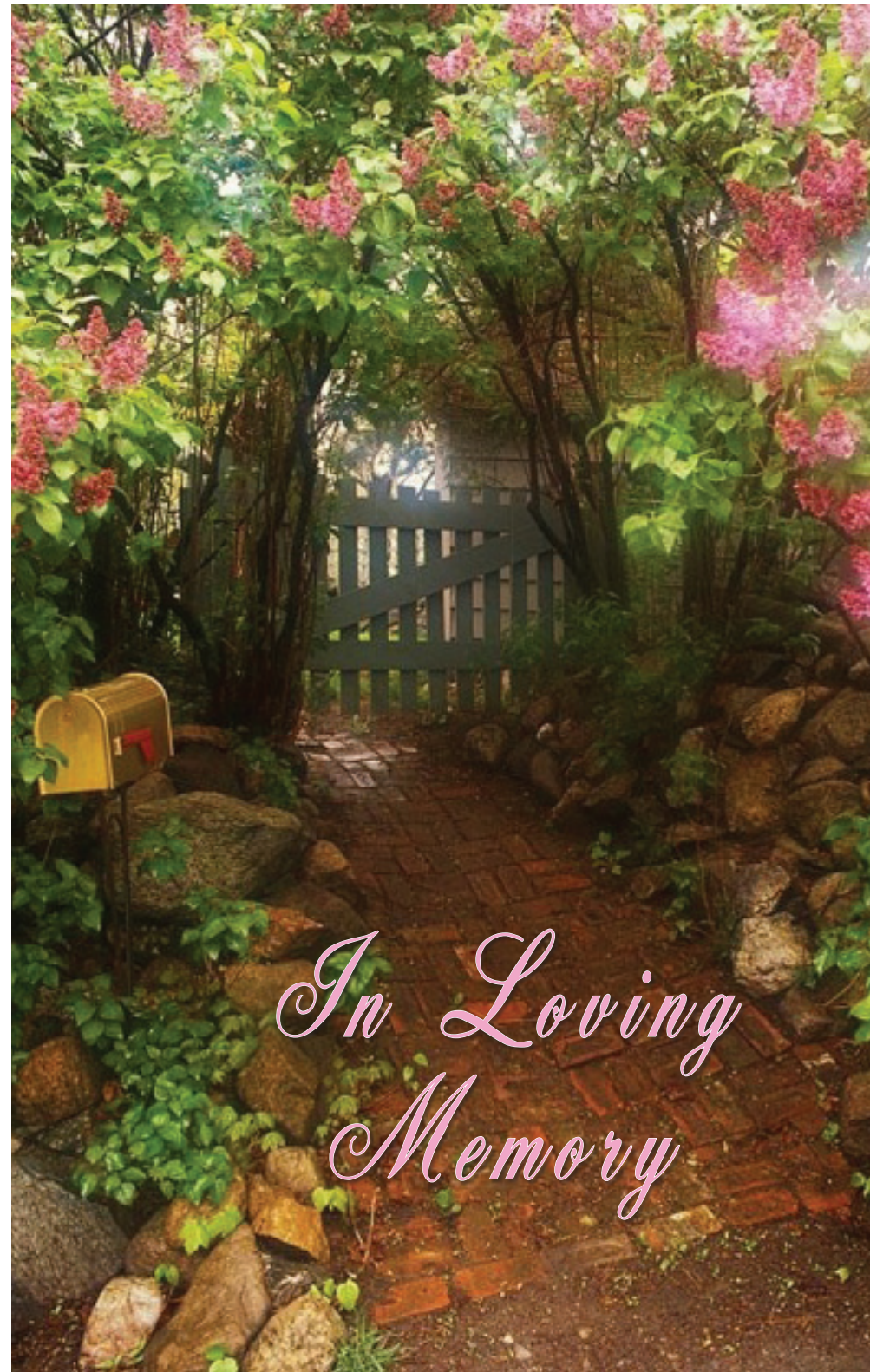
And when I looked at those flowers,

I couldn't help but feel,

that they brought heaven nearer

and made God so real.

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~



*In Loving
Memory*



Althea Tausend Kessel, 98, Mandan, died September 7, 2019 at Miller Pointe-a Prospera Community in Mandan.

Althea Delight (Suchy) Tausend Kessel's birth was April 29th, 1921 in Fargo, ND. She was pleased to meet her Lord on September 7th, 2019 in Mandan, ND, having smiled most of the way to the age of 98.

Althea was born to Joseph J. and Nettie (Kinney) Suchy. She attended Little Heart grade school in Morton County and graduated from Mandan High School in 1940. On August 10th of 1943, Althea married Wilmont (Will) Tausend from Judson, ND. They had 44 years together and raised four children. Following Will's death, Althea married Richard J. Kessel of Belfield, ND in 1989 and they enjoyed mutual company for eight years until his death in 1997.

Althea loved people and life. Her greatest interests were family, homemaking, church, gardening, politics, and science. She enjoyed meeting new people while working at the ND Motor License Dept., the Southern Pacific RR in San Francisco, Ben Franklin in Mandan, Farmers Union accounting in Mandan, Elgin and Carson, ND, then Heartview Treatment Center, and next, the desk at Lewis & Clark Hotel, both in Mandan. After retirement, Althea very much enjoyed working part time for Morton County Social Services.

Althea is survived by one sister-in-law, Fern Engesser of Rapid City, SD; one brother, Fred Elliot; two sons, Wes (Linda) Tausend of Bismarck and Monte (Linnie) Tausend of Lincoln; her daughter-in-law, Connie Tausend, Mandan; 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; and six step-daughters from her second husband, Richard.

Althea was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Donald Suchy, Dale Suchy, and Joe Elliot; her first husband, Wilmont; her second husband, Richard; her daughter and son-in-law, Laureen and Robert Morrissey; and her youngest son, Terrel Tausend.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Althea.

Prayer Service

Wednesday, September 11, 2019; 7:00 PM

Funeral Service

Thursday, September 12, 2019; 1:00 PM

United Methodist Church, Mandan, ND

Officiating

Reverend Bruce Adams

Musician

Barb Franke

Honorary Casketbearers

Robert Tausend, Michelle Colhoun
Troy Hove Tausend, Jay Tausend, Kelly Jo Geiger
LaShawna Kaiser, & Cassandra Dewald

Funeral Service for Althea Tausend Kessel

Prelude & Processional

Opening Scripture

Psalm 28:6-7a

Deuteronomy 33:27a

Hymn

"I Come to the Garden Alone" #314

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Scripture

Psalm 23

John 14:1-7, 15-17, 27

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art" #77

Message

Rev. Bruce Adams

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise" #707

Closing Prayer

Postlude & Recessional

Committal Service at Mandan Union Cemetery

Interment Scripture

Isaiah 41:10, 13

Romans 14:8-9

Readings

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The family invites you for refreshments and fellowship at the church following the burial.