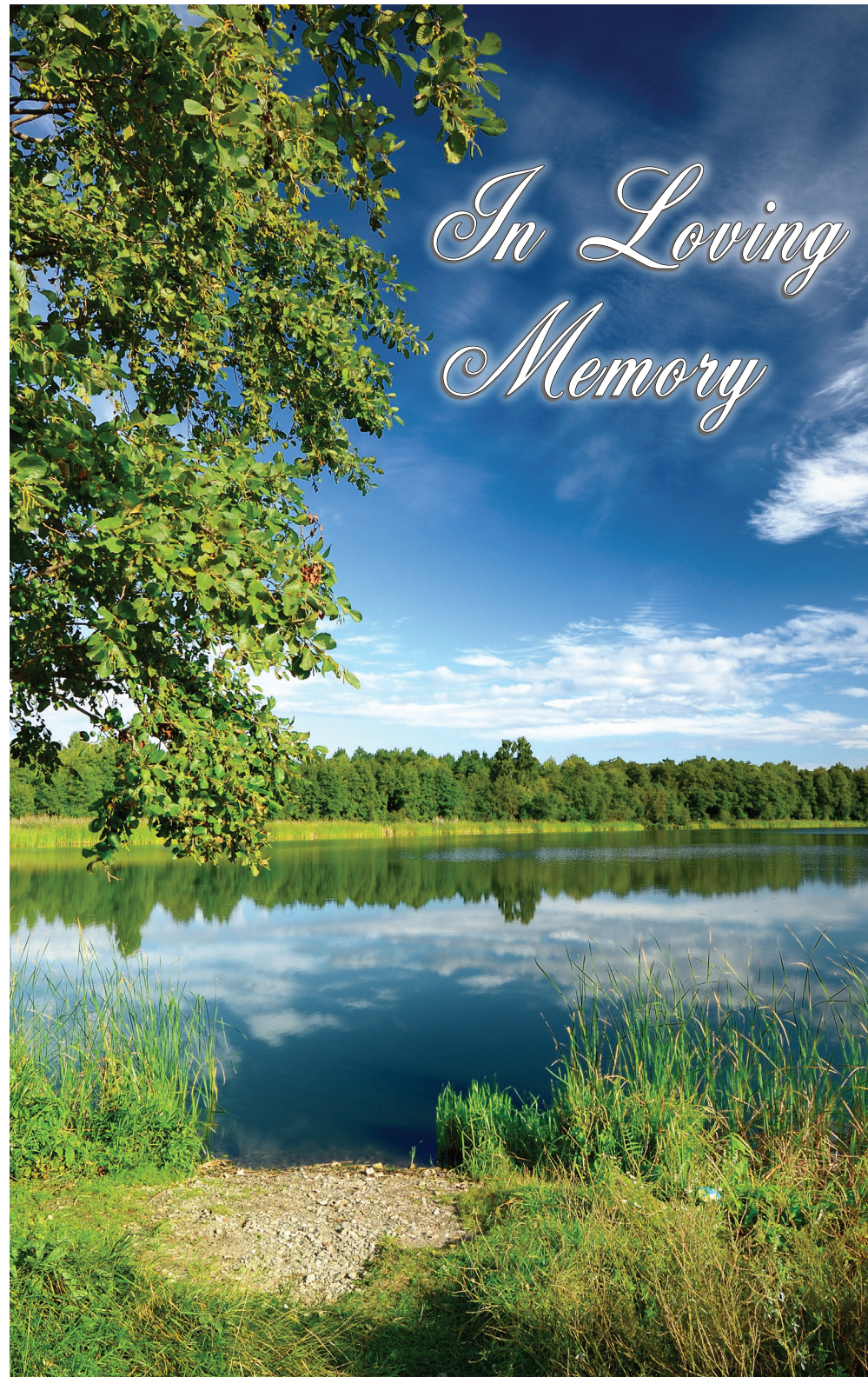


*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put his arm around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*





Donna Hartwig, 83, of St. Cloud, MN, formerly of Mandan and Golden Valley, ND, passed away on November 9, 2019 after a 5 year battle with cancer and dialysis. She passed away at Country Manor in St. Cloud with family at her side.

Donna was born July 9, 1936 to Gotthold and Alvina Sailer in Beulah. On September 4, 1953, she married Bob Hartwig who was the love of her life. They lived the early years of their marriage in Beulah, Golden Valley, and Hazen. They moved their family to Minot in 1964 when Bob began his employment with the Social Security Administration. In 1967, Bob was transferred to Bismarck and they settled in their home in Mandan. Donna had various jobs throughout her life, but the one that was the most meaningful to her was as Senior Reprographics Operator at Great Plains Synfuels Plant North of Beulah. Before her 11 year career at Great Plains,

she worked several years as a switchboard operator at the Federal Building in Bismarck.

Donna loved reading, cooking, baking, gardening, and canning. She and Bob spent many hours on Lake Sakakawea fishing, camping, and boating. She adored her family and especially loved the weekend spend overs she and Bob had with their grandchildren at their home in Golden Valley. Many times, these stays were with 4 to 5 of the children all at once. There were many wonderful memories created during those visits.

A few years after Bob's death, Donna took a train trip out West to visit family. It was on that train where she met Gene Mills. This chance meeting began the next chapter of her life. Donna eventually moved to St. Cloud to be closer to Gene where she was instantly adopted by his family. After Donna became sick, Gene was not only her friend and companion, but also a devoted caregiver until her death.

Donna is survived by her six children, Cheryl Conitz of West Fargo, ND, Brion Hartwig of Tempe, AZ, Bruce (Pam) Hartwig, Carmen (Tom) Miller, and Robert Hartwig, all of Mandan, and Cindy (Mark) Muhlhauser of Strasburg, ND; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald (Darlene) Sailer, Vancouver, WA and William (Deniece) Sailer, Cando, ND; one sister and brother-in-law, Rosalie (Milton) Unruh, Palm Desert, CA; in-laws, Duane (Donna) Hartwig, Beulah, ND and Jim (Arlene) Bentley, Escondido, CA; ten grandchildren, Michelle Hartwig (Caleb Donaldson), Brion Jr.(Melissa) Hartwig, Justin (Bridgette Knudson) Hartwig, Alexandra (Matt) Kranzler, Scott (Lindsey) Miller, Ben (Amy) Miller, Amanda (Jeremy) Kraft, Megan (Casey)Perry, John Muhlhauser, and Tatum Hartwig; eleven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her parents; baby brother, Allen; sister, Jeanette Bentley; niece, Tracy Maxwell; sister-in-law and husband, Betty (Herbert) Frank; and brother-in-law, Keith Hartwig.

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

Funeral Service

Friday, November 15, 2019; 10:00 AM

First Lutheran Church
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Christina Martin

Organist

Loretta White

Casketbearers

Justin Hartwig, Brion Hartwig, Scott Miller
Ben Miller, & John Muhlhauser

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Committal will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery immediately following the funeral service. The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church following the burial service.