

Visitation

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, November 12, 2021
Goglin Funeral Chapel
Tripp, South Dakota

Funeral Service

1:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 13, 2021
Emmaus Lutheran Church
Tripp, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Brian Lemcke

Music

Karen 'Pinky' Huether — Organist

- Congregational Hymns -

Asleep in Jesus

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Be Still My Soul

Lennis Melhaff—soloist

One Day at a Time

Honorary Pall Bearers

All Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

Interment

Grace Hill Cemetery
Tripp, South Dakota

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures; he leadeth me
beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil: for thou art with
me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with
oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.**

*Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of LuElla M Lehr*



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In Loving Memory of



LuElla M Lehr

April 1, 1930

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November 1, 2021

LuElla M. Lehr, age 91, went to her Heavenly home on November 1, 2021. She was born on April Fool's Day, 1930 to Paul and Clara (Knittel) Gramkow of rural Avon, S.D. She was the youngest of three children. With two brothers several years older, she soon learned to shadow them and turned out to be quite a "Tom Boy" much to the chagrin of her mother who preferred her to wear dresses and be a lady. Although she wore the dresses that her mother sewed from the printed material of feed and flour sacks, LuElla preferred overalls like those worn by her brothers, and the "seed of farming" was planted in her mind and heart.

LuElla attended Vesper Country School for seven years, but finished the eighth grade at Zion Lutheran Parochial School in Avon. She boarded with their Pastor, the Reverend Otto Pinnt and family, to save her parents many trips to Confirmation classes, but she definitely missed her country school friends and the wide open spaces. In May 1947, LuElla graduated from Avon High School. While a student, she was employed at the Avon Clarion newspaper office and learned to hand set type and gathered local news for the paper.

On October 5, 1947 she married Clarence Lehr, son of Edward G. and Anna (Dewald) Lehr of Tripp at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon. Reverend Pinnt had now baptized, confirmed and officiated at LuElla's wedding ceremony, all at Zion Lutheran. After marriage, LuElla joined Emmaus Lutheran Church at Tripp, where she remained a life-long member. Their marriage was blessed with three children, daughter Konnie (born on her father's 25th birthday, November 9), daughter Kim and son Kelly. LuElla's back problems, experienced from early childhood, became increasingly worse during the early years of her marriage and she was unable to continue caring for baby Konnie. Grandparents Gramkow then took her into their home and cared for her until she was a year old.

LuElla taught Sunday school at Emmaus for

many years, served on the Altar committee, was an officer of the AAL and chaired numerous committees. She helped design and sewed many of the Altar Paraments and was instrumental in securing funds to make the Christmons for the Christmas tree. She was an active member of the Tripp Women's Civic Club, formerly the Tripp Study Club, where she served as a club officer and held various chairmanships. She enjoyed doing volunteer work in church, the Club, the Library and in the community. With her flair for writing, she authored several histories for the book, Touch of Tripp III, published by the Tripp Civic Club.

A life member of Jelkin-Harms American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 142, LuElla held numerous Leadership and Chairmanship positions at the Unit, District and State levels, culminating with being elected South Dakota State President in 1992. She also served as National Executive Committeewoman and held several National appointments. She traveled to Washington D.C., Chicago and numerous states representing the American Legion Auxiliary, often accompanied by her husband, Clarence. LuElla's theme for her year as State President was "Legacy of Love" which is the Legacy she wishes to leave to all of you.

Besides her many travels on behalf of the Auxiliary, she and Clarence were part of the Habitat for Humanity "building blitz" at Eagle Butte, S.D. in 1994, joining 1,500 volunteers led by former United States President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn. Thirty homes were built that week, which were purchased by qualified Native American families. At the end of the week, volunteers witnessed several families move into to their new homes.

LuElla was truly a "help mate" for her husband, preferring to work side by side with him in the fields, often telling her family that she was born to be outside, and not a housewife. Later when five grandchildren were added to the family and the farm again heard children's voices and became a lively place during their many visits. They all wanted to stay at "Grandma's farm." Although the five great-grandchildren didn't get to visit the

farm, they all liked visiting "Grandma's house" in town. Clarence and Luella were Godparents to Janice Gramkow-Dunker, Julie Schnable-Hemeyer, Larry Maag (deceased), and Albert Schmidt, Jr.

On October 5, 2005, their 58th wedding anniversary, Clarence and LuElla left the farm and moved into a home in Tripp. Two years later, October 5, 2007 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by riding in the Tripp-Delmont High School Homecoming parade in a 1928 Essex owned and driven by cousin Phyllis Dewald. Their 65th wedding anniversary was celebrated with their family. Clarence passed away quietly in their home on June 14, 2013, less than four months from their 66th wedding anniversary.

LuElla was always thankful to the Lord for walking beside her and giving her the faith and strength she needed to endure a lifetime of severe spinal problems, and eventually being unable to walk. She spent the last years of her life in Clarkson Care Center, Rapid City S.D. LuElla never lost her sense of humor, or the will to be an active participant in life. Her family was always her first love and concern.

LuElla was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Clara Gramkow; brothers Eldor and Floyd (both in 1972); sister-in-law Irene Gramkow; brother-in-law Vern Goehring, and her husband Clarence.

She is survived by daughters Konstance (Konnie) and Arlo Zeitner, Bellevue, NE, Kim Laber and fiancé Kevin Carlin, Sturgis, SD; son Kelly Lehr and Bridget; grandchildren, Eric Zeitner, Bellevue, NE, Adrienne (Lehr) and husband Chris Gilberts, Tumwater, WA, Britt C Lehr, Kansas City, MO, Nick Laber, Rapid City, SD, and Kristine Laber, Sturgis, SD; sister-in law Doris Goehring, of Parkston, SD.; also great-grandsons Greyson Zeitner, Tate and Charlie Gilberts, Joedy Laber; great-granddaughter Brinley Lehr; nieces and nephews Cheryl Hofer, Jan Dunker (Bob), Les Gramkow (Daphnee), Terry Goehring (Lexine) and Tom Goehring (Debra).





*In loving memory of LuElla Lehr from
Glen, Lori, Emily & Leah Dewald*



*In loving memory
of LuElla Lehr
from Barry
Thompson*



*All our sympathy
The Larry Maag family*



*Sympathy to Aunt Lulu's family. You were blessed
beyond words to have such a kind & wonderful
mother. She was a blessing to all of us.
It was her wish to be with "her buddy."
She has gotten her wish.
Families of Terry Goehring*



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*Hugs & Prayers
Mary & Steve Fideler ~ David & Deb Schmidt
Al & Judy Schmidt ~ Sharon & Gary Ugland*



*Our prayers & sympathy to all the family
John & Elaine Carlin*



The Maag family



*Our deepest sympathies and prayers
Tim & Diane Eichstadt*

