

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

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 names 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 forever.*



*Celebrating the Life of*



*Berdena Buma*

*August 10, 1928*  
*September 29, 2022*

Berdena Annieta (Gayer) Buma was born on August 10, 1928, in Plato Township, IA, the daughter of Gotlob and Anna (Hamann) Gayer. Anna was from Itzehoe, Germany and Gotlob was from Illingen, Germany. They settled in Iowa in 1886, starting a family farm in rural Rock Valley. Berdena attended a small one-room school ½ mile from their home with her siblings, and often shared how she drove the tractor on the farm as a young girl. She was baptized at Peace Lutheran and confirmed in 1941. She graduated from Rock Valley High School in 1946.

She married Harry Buma on Friday, June 13, 1947, and they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 13, 2002. He preceded her in death on September 26, 2002.

Berdena was the last living charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran in Rock Valley, where she served on many women's committees. She was an avid golfer, and enjoyed bowling, and playing bridge. She was a strong believer in church and family and thoroughly enjoyed camping with the family at Gerk's Resort at Lake Okoboji. She was an excellent cook, and seamstress, and laundered the high school football team uniforms for several years and worked as secretary for Scanlan Insurance and Vande Hoef Insurance.

Berdena passed away Thursday, September 29, 2022, at Sunrise of Naperville Senior Living Community in Naperville, IL, where she had resided the last 3 years. She was 94 years old.

Many loved her high-spirit and friendliness, including her family: daughter, Bonnie Buma of Naperville, IL and sons, Greg Buma of Kansas City, MO and Phil Buma and wife, Debbie of Chapel Hill, TN; grandsons, Jeremy and wife Jillian and great-grandchildren Avichayl and Akiva of Pittsburgh, PA, PJ (Philip Jason) of Spring Hill, TN and Andrew and wife, Scarlett, and great-grandchildren Sawyer and Autumn of Murfreesboro, TN.

Her siblings all preceded her in death: Lloyd, Marian, Bernard, Bernice, Rose, and Joyce.

## *In Loving Memory* **Berdena Annieta Buma**

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Thursday, October 6, 2022  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIANT**

Pastor Edward Pease

### **ORGANIST**

Dorothy Smith

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Recorded by: Robin Te Slaa & LeRoy Berentschot

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Dave Gayer ~ Wally Kooiman  
Jan Pudenz ~ Brad Kramer ~ Philip (PJ) Buma  
Andrew Buma ~ Mary Miller ~ Carolyn Kramer Steinwald

### **MEMORIAL**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### **INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Berdena's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.*