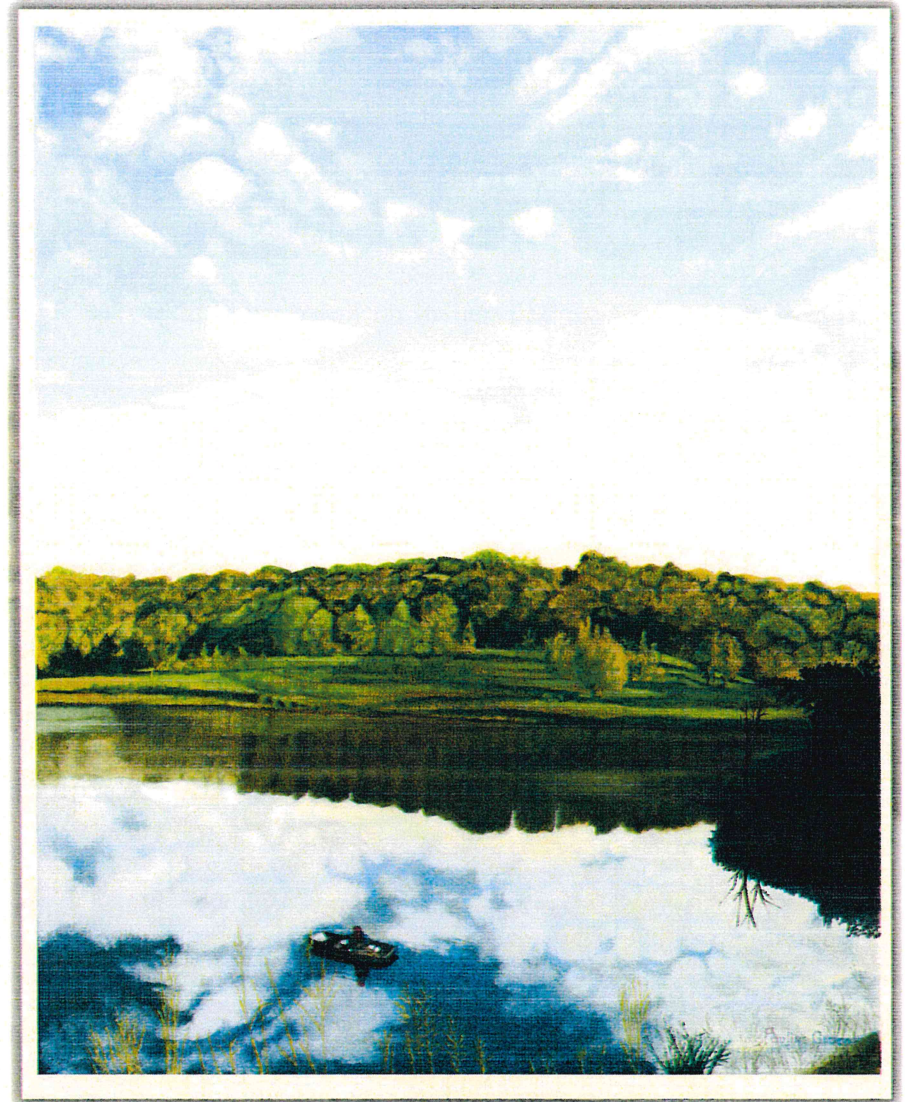


# 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

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.*



*Pauline Groen*

*May 5, 1929*

*September 16, 2023*

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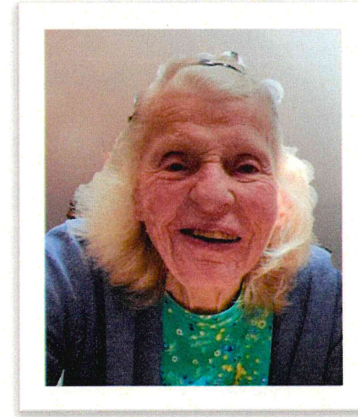
Pauline Groen was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 5, 1929, to John and Mary (Vander Waal) Vander Boon, the fourth of twelve children. She had many fond memories of family time spent in their farm home in Michigan and attended country school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She worked at Woolworth's in Grand Rapids, Michigan until their family decided to move to Rock Valley, Iowa in 1949. Here, they began a family operated bakery in the basement of their home. She sold and delivered baked goods door to door throughout the country in a jeep outfitted with a box and shelves for baked goods. She also played and taught accordion lessons.

Soon after arriving in Rock Valley, she met Henry Groen and they married on April 2, 1952. They farmed near Rock Valley, Sheldon, and Hospers, Iowa until 1999. With the decision made to retire from farming, they searched for and found their dream home in Fairview, South Dakota. They enjoyed five years here together before Henry died on April 24, 2004. With her independent spirit and God's help, Pauline continued life on her own, firmly enmeshed in this hillside community for the remainder of her days. She enjoyed people—children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, neighbors, and friends. Her days were filled with hiking, gardening, flowers, music, homemaking, Bible reading, visiting others, and oil painting. She was challenged to create special paintings for others and her artwork found a place in many family and friends' homes. Pauline was a lifelong member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation. She died on Saturday, September 16, 2023. She was 94 years of age.

Survivors include three daughters: Alice (Donald) Etler of Spirit Lake Iowa, Janet Groen of Sheldon, Iowa, and Cheryl (Matthew) Schelling of Orange City, Iowa; 7 grandchildren: Paul (Stephanie) of Orange City, Iowa, John (Becca) Etler of Des Moines, Iowa, Stanton (Ashley) Schelling of Hull, Iowa, Sarah (Calvin) Van Surksum of Rock Valley, Iowa, Michael Etler of Ankeny, Iowa, Melinda (Treyton) Vander Waal of Hospers, Iowa, and Allison Schelling of Orange City, Iowa; 10 great grandchildren. Surviving siblings: Margaret Vander Boon, Ada, Michigan, Ann Vlastuin, Rock Valley, Iowa, Bernice Van Veldhuizen, Rock Valley, Iowa, Marie (Gerrit) Rozeboom, Ada, Michigan, Connie (Ed) Brown, Cedar Springs, Michigan, and Abe (Sandy) Vander Boon of Ada, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Henry, siblings, Sarah (Jerry) Key, Orie (Laurena) Vander Boon, John Vander Boon, Lena (Adrian) Van Ravenswaay, Fred Vlastuin, Sybil (Cornie) Van Veldhuizen, Ada (Teunis) Rozeboom, Cornie Boon, and Joey Vander Boon as well as in-laws, Bill (Della) Wallenberg, Clarence (Pearl) (Pearl) Groen, John (Jeanette) Groen, and Paul (Angeline) Groen.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Pauline Groen***



**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Porter Funeral Home

Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. J.J. Witvoet

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

**ORGANIST**

Sheryl Vander Waal

**PSALTER HYMNS**

*"The Reward of Perfect Trust" #249 vs. 1-6*  
*"God Shall Arise and by His Might" #420 vs. 5*

**CASKET BEARERS**

Paul Schelling ~ John Etler

Stanton Schelling ~ Calvin Van Surksum

Michael Etler ~ Treyton Vander Waal

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa