

Guide For Grateful Life

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying:
I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.
We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.
You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.
Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,
we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.
We will use the holy name of God with reverence,
praising him in everything we do and say.
You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy,
for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long
in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.
As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord;
as parents we will correct our children and guide them
in the training and instruction of the Lord;
we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.
You shall not murder.
We will be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.
You shall not commit adultery.
We will use our bodies in ways that are holy
and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.
You shall not steal.
We will do what we can for our neighbor's good,
and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love,
render judgements that are true and make for peace,
and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
We will be content whatever the circumstances
through the strength of Christ within us.
Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.
For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.



In Loving Memory



Christina Maevis Vander Esch
May 8, 1932 ~ August 1, 2022



Christina (Schenk) Vander Esch was born at home on May 8, 1932 to Henry and Helen Schenk. She grew up near Sioux Center, Iowa and attended Carmel Reformed Church where she was baptized and made her public profession of faith at the age of 16. She graduated from Sioux Center Public School and attended Northwestern Academy for one year obtaining her 3-year country school teaching certificate. She taught grades 1-8 for two years at a one-room schoolhouse, Plato No. 8, and grades 5-8 for one year at Lebanon Christian School.

On April 27, 1951 she married Severt Vander Esch in Carmel Church before God, family, and friends. They were married for nearly 68 years fulfilling their wedding vows-to have and to hold, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do they part. With her husband and family, Christina attended Lebanon CRC. Out of her love for the Lord, and His word she raised her children and served in Christian leadership for Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful), Ora Et Labora (Pray and Work) Society, Sunday school, and many other community needs. Christina was skilled at and loved to cook, garden, sew, quilt, and crochet. Her delicious meals were enjoyed by her family, friends, Central Café customers, and by the hunters of her son and daughter-in-law's outfitting business in Idaho. Christina worked faithfully and diligently alongside her family on three different farms NE of Hawarden.

She spent her remaining days at Oakhill Assisted Living center where she enjoyed reading books, watching/listening to sporting events and visiting with her family and church community. And now thanks to her Savior Jesus Christ, she resides "by the sea of crystal glass, in a mansion on a hill" in her heavenly home for a glorious eternity. (Rev. 4:6; John 14:2).

Surviving family:

Children: Arlys (Craig) Christians, Cedar Rapids, IA, Leon (Shelly), Watertown, SD, Ivan (Lujean), Miles City, MT, Darwin (Sandy), Riggins, ID, Doug (Elizabeth), Poulso, WA, and Mary Jane (Bart) Geers, Hudsonville, MI.

Grandchildren: Elliott (Arlys), Misty and Tory (Leon), Brennan, Colton, Kali, Sevina, and Shilo (Ivan), Jason, Shannon, Christon, Morgon, and Leighton (Darwin), Dylan and Caleb (Doug), Carly, Sara, and Grace (Mary Jane).

Great-grandchildren: Trinity and Zander (Misty), Taveon, Landen, Teigen, Layton, Tallin, and Locton (Colton), Kapri, Kya, Joseph, Kynsli, Jeriko, and Jagg (Kali), Clara, Gavin, Madison, Nolan, and Tayson (Sevina), Preston and Ezra (Shilo), Faith (Shannon), Gunner and Tanner (Christon), Nash (Carly).

Siblings and their spouses: Beverly Berquist and Kathy Schenk

Family preceding Christina in death:

Parents: Henry and Helen Schenk

Husband: Severt Vander Esch

Daughter-in-law: Lisa Vander Esch

Grandson: Teigen Vander Esch

Great-grandchildren: Selah Leslie and Rae Vander Esch

Siblings and their spouses: Dennis Schenk, Nestor Schenk, and David Berquist

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Friday, August 5, 2022
Lebanon Christian Reformed Church
Lebanon, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Bob Drenten

PRELUDE

Alan Jackson Precious Memories collection:

Blessed Assurance ~ I'll Fly Away ~ Softly & Tenderly ~ In the Garden
When We All Get To Heaven ~ Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Standing On The Promises ~ I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

Congregation please remain seated.

CASKET BEARERS

Elliott Christians ~ Tory Vander Esch ~ Brennan Vander Esch
Colton Vander Esch ~ Jason Vander Esch ~ Leighton Vander Esch
Dylan Vander Esch ~ Caleb Vander Esch

HONORARY CASKET BEARER

Teigen Vander Esch

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Christian Holiday Medley" Arlys Christians and Wayne Dekkers
Pianist - Minerva Bomgaars

CLOSING SONG & RECESSIONAL

"Trust And Obey"

INTERMENT

Lebanon Cemetery

*Following burial, please join the family for lunch and fellowship
in the church basement.*