



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Althea Leola Smith

WHO WAS BORN

August 8, 1929

Lake Stay Township, Lincoln County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

July 21, 2024

Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, August 5, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church

Big Stone City, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS

Julie French, Organist

Aaron Quinn, Vocalist

URN BEARER

Logan Hofhenke

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Althea's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INURNMENT

Ruthton City Cemetery

Ruthton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Althea's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the memorial service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in church dining hall.

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GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put

His arms around you

And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the **BEST.**

He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered

Peace be Thine.

Althea Leola (Oerter) Smith was born on August 8, 1929, in Lake Stay Township of Lincoln County, MN, to Martin and Anna (Petersen) Oerter. Growing up in the Lake Stay Township area, Althea later made her home in Clarkfield, Tyler, Tracy, and Arco before settling in Big Stone City in 1974. In 2016, she moved to Ortonville, where she resided until her passing.

On September 28, 1952, Althea was united in marriage with Lloyd Smith on in Tyler, MN. Together, they were blessed with two children: Linda and Bruce.

Althea's career as a laboratory technician at the Big Stone Cheese Factory was marked by diligence and expertise. She was a member of New Life Community Baptist Church in Ortonville and an attendee of Tabor Methodist Church services in Big Stone City.

In her leisure time, Althea enjoyed bowling, loved dancing, solved circle word books, and attended her grandchildren's school events and piano recitals.

Left to cherish Althea's memory are her daughter, Linda Hofhenke of Ortonville, MN; son, Bruce (Janet) Smith of Big Stone City, SD; five grandchildren: Brenda Veen, Brian (Deb) Hofhenke, Amy (Dustin) Roggenbuck, Christopher (Rachel) Smith, and Lauren Smith (Joe Ponce); 12 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Delores Oerter and Carol Smith; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Lloyd in 1981; her parents; sister, Gladys Oerter; brothers: Ervin Oerter and Donald Oerter; brothers-in-law: Doug Smith and Dale Smith; sisters-in-law: Maren Smith and Betty Oerter; and nephew, Michael Oerter.



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