

Lydia Guthmiller was born at home, north of Taylor, on April 15, 1919, the sixth of fourteen children to Christ and Elizabeth (Permenn) Guthmiller. She grew up on the family farm one mile north of the Dunn County line, attending Ridgeway #4 Country School through the eighth grade. After elementary school, Lydia worked at home for two years before entering high school and graduating from Taylor High School on May 25, 1939. Lydia was united in marriage to Bennie Strom on the Strom farm, one mile south of Taylor, on June 8, 1939. She attended Medora Bible Camp in June 1938. She had made the most important decision of her life when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. That decision affected and guided her throughout her lifetime. She praises Him for his constant love and care. Lydia and Bennie loved to farm, travel, and visit family and friends. In June of 1985, they moved into Dickinson. Bennie entered St. Benedict's Home in February of 1991, where he lived until his death in 1992. Lydia took care of her brother-in-law Harry for over 56 years, and she continued to care for him for two years after Bennie passed away. Harry and Bennie farmed together through their lifetime. Lydia continued to live in her home. She had much compassion for the young and especially for the elderly, always putting others interests before her own. Lydia was a member of Immanuel Church of Taylor, serving on the Women's Guild. She was a superintendent of Cradle Roll for 40 yrs., and as a Sunday School Teacher for 15 years. She was a charter member of Taylor Senior Citizen's, Elks #1137 of Dickinson, and was a Retired Services Volunteer at St. Benedict's, St. Luke's, Lincoln School and various other places. She helped organize women's retreats, sang in the church choir, and she especially loved helping people in need – young and old. In her pastime she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading, fishing, gardening, Bible studies, flowers, sewing (making all her own clothes as well as clothes for others), and spending time babysitting and caring for family members. She loved them all dearly. Lydia is survived by her three sisters, Eleanor Hanks

of St. Petersburg Beach, FL, Elsie (Jay) Powell of Largo, FL, and Leona Schmidt of Madras, OR; sister-in-law, Elsie Guthmiller of Dickinson; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and Christ Guthmiller; husband Bennie Strom; brothers, Christ, Philip, Jacob and Henry Guthmiller; sisters, Eva Hartinger, Magdalene Engel, Pauline Flinn, Bertha Krank, Rose Myran and Kathryn Conradson; brothers-in-law, Shane Conradson, Larry Schmidt, Albert L. Myran, Shane Hanks, Adam Hartinger, Emil Engel, Gordon Flinn, and Leo Krank; sister-in-law, Candy Guthmiller; nephews; Duane Schmidt and Leon Conradson; nieces; Kathy Cunningham, Karen Gramlow, Darlys Doppler and Kathy Hanks; great nephews, Michael Doppler and Paul A. Myran. In lieu of flowers, she prefers memorials be made to Immanuel Church of Taylor.

Lydia Strom

April 15, 1919 - February 3, 2020





SAFELY HOME

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright
There is perfect joy and beauty!
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace for ever,
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond death's shadows
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday, February 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Friday, February 7, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Alan Church

MUSIC:

Pianist: Joy Bloom
Lowell Larson & Margaret Marcusen
Paulson Sisters

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Norbert Krank & Kenneth Engel

PALLBEARERS:

James Hamann	Albert Myran
Russell Myran	Randy Myran
Cordell Myran	Larry Hartinger
James Bloom	Jason Bloom
Hank Bloom	Robert Jurgens

INTERMENT:

Taylor Cemetery
Taylor, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at Stevenson
Funeral Home following the funeral service.
Everyone is welcome.