

The Cross In My Pocket
*I carry a cross in my pocket,
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian,
No matter where I may be.
This little cross is not magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.
It's not for identification
For all the world to see.
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.
When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key,
The Cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.
It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings day to day,
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.
It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.
So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life,
If only I'll let Him be.*



In Loving Memory of

Edna Evangeline Schelske

October 21, 1928 ~ April 14, 2025

Funeral Service

Trinity Lutheran Church, Reliance, SD
10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19, 2025

Officiating

Rev. Wade Harr

Music

LeAnn Zirpel ~ Pianist

Casketbearers

Edna's Grandchildren

Interment

Reliance Cemetery, Reliance, SD

The family invites everyone for lunch & fellowship
at the Reliance American Legion Hall
following the committal service.

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Edna passed away on April 14, 2025 at Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain with family members by her side.

Edna Evangeline Schelske was born October 21, 1928 to Frederick and Magdeline (Fry) Wagaman on a farm south of Reliance, SD. She was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Reliance, SD.

She attended a small country school that she walked a mile across the prairie to. She then attended Reliance High School.

Edna was united in marriage to Alfred Schelske on September 22, 1945. They made their home and ranched on the original Schelske homestead raising Herford cattle, golden wheat fields, and five daughters.

Edna was a woman of strong will and many talents. She enjoyed keeping a beautiful home, quilting, gardening, and was an excellent cook. She was very active in her beloved church and served as chairwoman of LWML for many years.

Edna and Alfred enjoyed going on many Herford tours and attending the banquets at the Denver Stock Shows.

Alfred passed away in July of 2010 and Edna remained on the ranch raising cattle and farming until 2024 when health reasons forced her to move into an assisted living in Chamberlain and later Sanford Care Center.

Gratefully sharing her life are her five daughters Jeannie (Lenny) Wolcott, Kathy (Bill) Randall, Nancy (Steve) Larsen, Deb (Ron) Volmer, and Laurie (Steve) Michels; 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband Alfred, her mother and father and grandparents.

