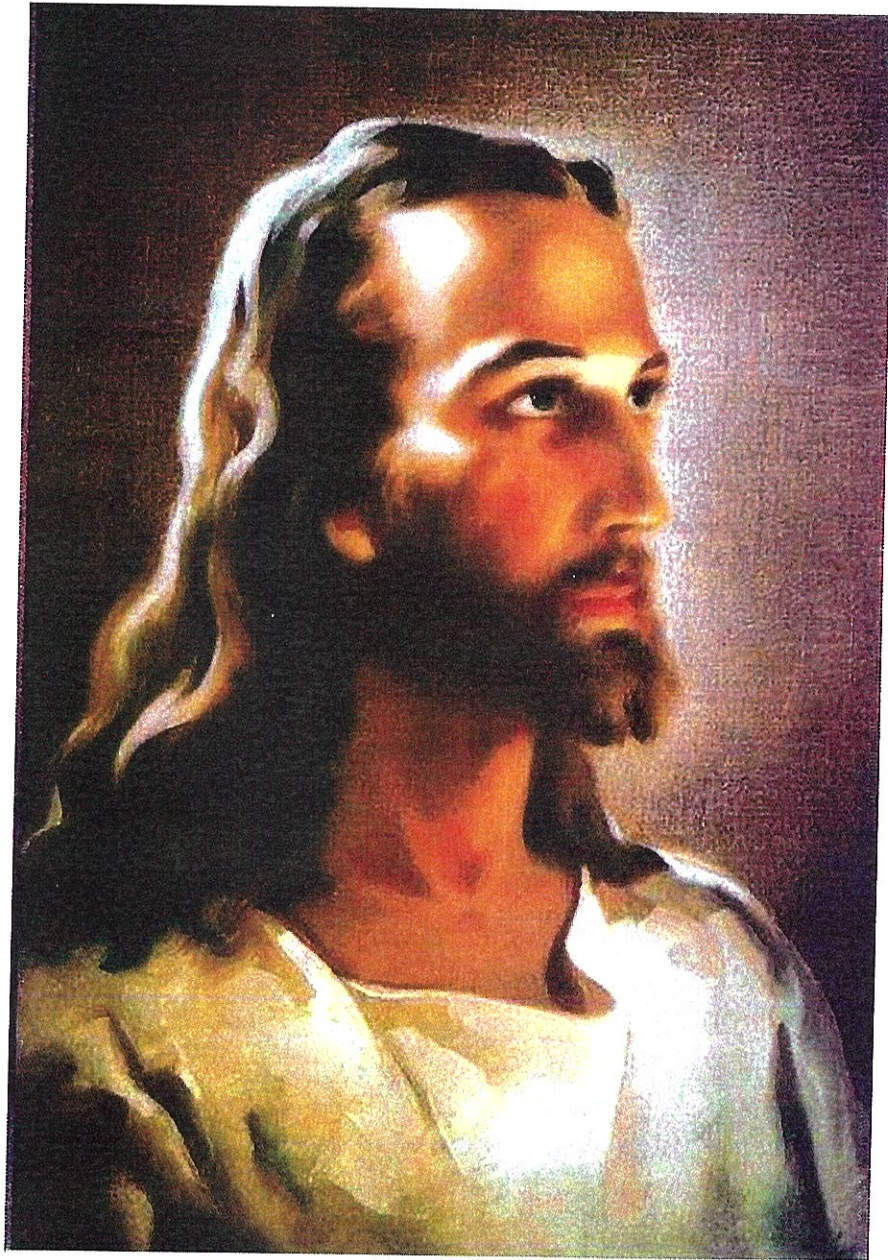




Graveside Service and Committal

+ Paula Ruth Beitz +

Friday, June 26, 2026

Obituary

In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

St. Paul describes the resurrection of the dead in this way:

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

¹Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.

The Story of a Christian Life

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Committal

It has pleased our heavenly Father in his gracious wisdom to call out of this world the soul of our sister, Paula Beitz. We commit her remains to the ground—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

May God the Father, who created this body,

May + God the Son, who by his blood redeemed this body
together with the soul,

may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this
body to be his temple,

keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.
Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, you destroyed death, and by his glorious resurrection you bestow life and immortality on all who die in him. Strengthen our faith as we move forward from this place, console us with your comfort, and renew our joy in the daily blessings of life. Help us each day to look forward to a joyful reunion in heaven where we and all your saints will bask in the glory of paradise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Acknowledgments

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Paula Ruth Beitz

Paula Ruth Beitz was born March 28, 1923, to Andrew and Adella (Pietz) Spielman in Lomira, Wisconsin. She was born again and brought into Christ's kingdom through the power of Holy Baptism on April 8, 1923, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lomira. She publicly declared her faith in Christ in the ceremony of confirmation on April 5, 1936, also at St. John's. Her confirmation verse was probably Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (NIV)*"

She graduated from Lomira High School in 1940 and attended Fond du Lac Commercial College, which trained her for office work.

Paula was married to Lester Beitz on October 8, 1944, also at St. John's. The Lord blessed their marriage of fifty-seven years with four children. Lester preceded her in death in 2002.

Paula served her Savior faithfully as a wife, mother, and grandmother, in the office work she did in West Bend and Kenosha, in the work she did with her husband on the family farm, and in her work later in life at Midwest Cattle Auction in Lomira.

God called Paula from this world to her eternal home on Sunday, December 7, 2025. She had reached the age of 102 years, 8 months, and 9 days. She is survived by her children: Carla Wifler, Andrea (August) Luedtke, Gwen Almond, and Todd Beitz; six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and by nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester; her sons-in-law, Jerry Almond and Ray Wifler; her granddaughters, Kelly Wifler and Kalen Luedtke, her brothers, Gerhard (June) Spielman and Verner (Doris) Spielman; her brothers-in-law, Vernon Beitz and Ruben Beitz; and her sister-in-law, Bernice (Lester) Kietzer.

Her earthly remains have been committed to the elements and will be committed to the ground to await the resurrection at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Brownsville.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.



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