

Dorothy Verneal Schuler was born on November 16, 1930, in Ortonville, MN, to Erwin and Emma (Werner) Hecht. She was baptized on November 30, 1930, at St. John's Lutheran Church near Corona, SD. She was confirmed on November 12, 1944, at rural Christ Lutheran Church which was later moved to Wilmot, SD, and renamed to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dorothy attended Garfield #3 Country School, located a mile and a half from her home, and later continued her education at Wilmot High School.



After completing her schooling, she married Devlin Schuler Sr. on July 25, 1948, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Wilmot. The couple purchased the Miller farm, where they made their home and raised their five children: Suzanne, Darwin, Paula, Delvin Jr., and Bradford. Life on the farm included raising chickens, ducks, and geese. Dorothy was a devoted homemaker, caring for her children, tending a large garden, canning, and managing all the responsibilities of rural farm life.



In 1984, Dorothy worked outside the home at St. William's Care Center in Milbank, SD, where she enjoyed her position in the Beauty Shop. She then returned full time to her role as homemaker. She and Delvin Sr. were

active members of the Wilmot Snowmobile Club and the local bowling league. Dorothy belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church in Corona and participated in the Wilmot Ladies Aide. She taught Sunday School and was involved in Band Mothers, helping repair uniforms and organize fundraisers, roles she fulfilled with enthusiasm and pride. Dorothy and Delvin Sr. loved traveling together and visited many destinations across the United States. They especially enjoyed attending their grandchildren's events, roller skating, bowling, and socializing at local dance halls with friends. Dorothy found joy in crocheting, sewing, baking, cooking, and hosting holiday gatherings at the farm, which was deeply meaningful to her. She also loved watching NASCAR and wrestling.

She is survived by her children: Suzanne "Suzie" (Dennis) Nordquist of Milbank, SD; Darwin (Holly) Schuler of Watertown, SD; Paula (Randall "Bronson") Janssen of Sioux Falls, SD; Delvin Jr. "Fuzzy" (Sandy) Schuler of Corona, SD; and Bradford "Brad" (Kathy) Schuler of Sioux Falls, SD; 11 grandchildren: Nicole (Rick) VanHorn, Amber Schuler, Dustin Schuler, April Block, Celesta (Tyler) Frericks, Kayla (Nathan) Strege, Kendra (Laramie) Peiker, Karissa (Troy) Greiner, Kirsten (Kelsey) Schyrrell, Myranda (Austyn Burfeind) Schuler, and Jaylyn Schuler, 16 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Carolyn Deslauriers of Watertown, SD. She was preceded in death by her parents: Erwin and Emma; husband, Delvin Schuler Sr.; and two brothers: Robert Hecht and Harley Hecht.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dorothy Schuler

WHO WAS BORN

November 16, 1930
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

November 30, 2025
Wilmot, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 8, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
Wilmot Lutheran Church
Wilmot, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Kay Reeb

MUSICIAN

Cora Jones, Pianist

SPECIAL SONGS

"In The Garden" - Alan Jackson

"Beautiful Savior"

"On Eagle's Wings" - Angela Birkhead-Flight

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Dustin Schuler | Tyler Frericks | Troy Greiner
Nathan Strege | Laramie Peiker | Kadien Schuler

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

BURIAL

Wilmot City Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Dorothy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at Wilmot Community Center.

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty space;
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arm around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew you might never
Get well upon this earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".

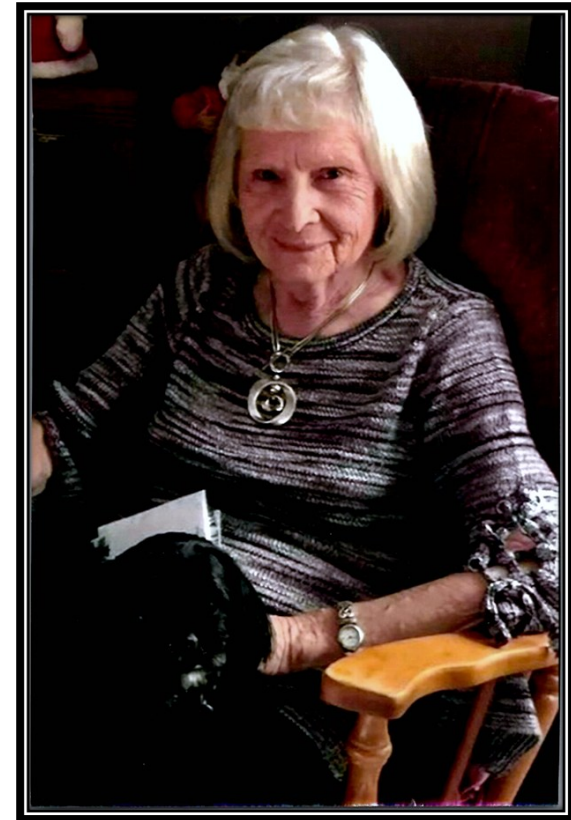
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you never went alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you Home.

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Remembering

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Dorothy Schuler

November 16, 1930 - November 30, 2025