

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this
earth, and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never
get well on 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 didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

In Loving Memory



Bernice Pedersen

September 16, 1937

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March 6, 2025

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve the family and friends of Bernice Pedersen.



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Bernice Pedersen
1937 - 2025

VISITATION
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE
7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2025
Scotland Community Church

FUNERAL
10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Scotland Community Church

CLERGY
Pastor Del Neumeister

MUSIC
Linda Kronaizl - pianist
Congregational Hymn
Amazing Grace

SPECIAL MUSIC
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
Alison Root - soloist

PALLBEARERS
Travis Deutscher, Joshua Buechler,
Sara (Deutscher) Olivier, Matthew Buechler,
Tyrel Deutscher & Alison (Buechler) Root

INTERMENT
Rosehill Cemetery
Scotland, South Dakota

Psalm 4:8 "I will lie down and sleep in peace; you alone, oh Lord, keep me perfectly safe"

Bernice departed peacefully from her earthly home to be united with Jesus and reunited with Paul (PJ) in heaven on March 6, 2025 at the age of 87 years.

Bernice, the daughter of Theodore and Emilia (Orth) Auch was born on September 16, 1937 at rural Lesterville, SD. She was baptized at the Petersburg Congregational Church on November 7, 1937 by Reverend Carl L. Green, and was confirmed on May 18, 1952 by Reverend R. W. Reiger. Bernice met Paul, the love of her life, on the Scotland school bus. Bernice was united in marriage to Paul J. Pedersen on May 6, 1956 at the Petersburg church of rural Lesterville. Bernice and Paul spent a lifetime farming near Lesterville. Bernice's pride and joy was her family. She spent a lifetime attending, supporting, and loving her children and grandchildren. Later in life her joy extended to the next generations.

Bernice worked at a drugstore in Yankton, SD and became Paul's partner in the work of their dairy farm after they married. She was also active in her community and church. She taught Sunday school and enjoyed Bible study for 30+ years with a neighborhood group that became like family. She also was a 4-H leader in Yankton county for several years. Women's fellowship at the Scotland community Church became an integral part of her life as well. In later years, she was employed at the Scotland Good Samaritan Society as an assistant in the activities department. This job was so enjoyable to her, and she loved visiting and helping the residents especially on a one-to-one basis. It was only fitting that she would spend the last two years of her life at the Good Samaritan Society right next-door to the activities room.

Bernice loved traveling with Paul and their camper, spending time with family in the great outdoors, playing piano, and supporting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their various sports and theatre activities. When family arrived, she stopped whatever she was doing to welcome them with open arms, food, and a good time that usually involved cards or dominos; she made sure her flock was well-fed while holding her own in a game of pinochle. She enjoyed reading, had a fierce sweet tooth, and took delight in the feathered friends who visited her backyard. She kept a lovely garden and tended to those she loved even better. We are beyond blessed to have had Bernie grace our lives with many beautiful moments that will become treasured memories.

Bernice is survived by her children, Cindy (Kevin) Deutscher of Flandreau, SD and Lori (Jeff) Buechler of Adams, Nebraska; grandchildren, and their families: Travis (Amber) Deutscher-Monica (Sam Major, great-great-grandchild, Tyler), Kaydyn, and Bryson; Joshua (Lindsay)-Jolie and Kai; Sara (Austin) Olivier-Henry; Matt Buechler-Braddock and Maclynn; Tyrel (Maria) Deutscher and Alison (Nicholas) Root.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Pedersen; her parents, Theodore and Emilia Auch, and brother, Eugene Auch.