

*Her life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in her that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world "This was a Woman!"*

~ Julius Caesar, ACT V, Scene V



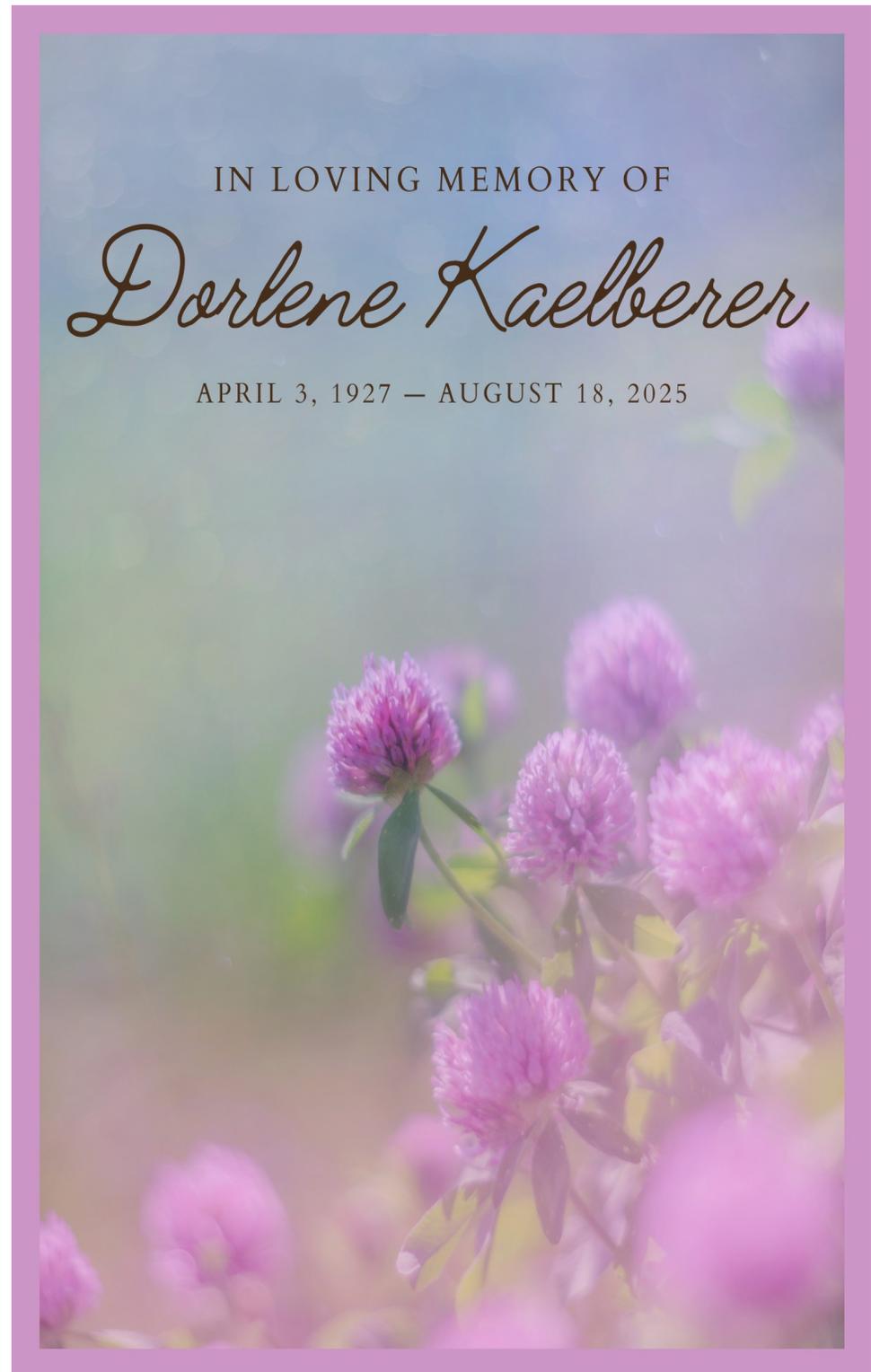
*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for her!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When she puts out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When she embarks;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear her far,
She sees her Pilot face to face
When she has crost the bar.*

~Lord Tennyson





Dorlene Christina Kaelberer, 98, of New Salem, North Dakota, passed away at her home on 18 August 2025. She was born on the family farm on 3 April 1927 to Edward and Frieda Albrecht.

Dorlene was a beautiful woman who will be greatly missed. She navigated a world of immense change over the last 98 years. After growing up (and working) on a farm during the Depression, she overcame a serious illness and graduated from New Salem High School during World War II. She then spent several years working at the Quain and Ramsted Clinic in Bismarck before marrying Raymond Kaelberer on 3 September 1947. She moved to their farm south of New Salem and was a farm wife for the next 46 years and mother to four children. Dorlene was a long-time member of Bethel Church, singing in the choir and serving in all areas of church life. Beyond all the daily duties of a farm wife, her hobbies included crocheting, reading, playing cards, music, and completing thousands of crossword puzzles. One of her claims to fame is her homemade buns, of which it is estimated she made tens of thousands over the years. Up until her final days, she still regularly video conferenced with her children living in Minnesota, Maryland, California, and Florida.

She is survived by her son Ronald Kaelberer and wife Jaya, daughter Vicki Nagel, son Kevin Kaelberer and wife BJ Vinson, son Monte Kaelberer and wife Debra, and grandchildren Julie Kaelberer, Maya Kaelberer, Michele West, Douglas Nagel, Derek Kaelberer, and Devon Kaelberer.

Dorlene was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Frieda Albrecht, husband Raymond Kaelberer, sister Dorothy Neas, grandson Kori Kaelberer, and great-grandson Alex West.

Funeral Service

**Saturday, August 23, 2025; 2:30 PM
Elm Crest Manor, New Salem, ND**

Officiant

Pastor Marcy Dawson

Musician

Deb Kaelberer

Invocation

Call to Worship

Prayer

Music

Reading of the Obituary

Sharing of Memories

Scriptures

Isaiah 41:10
Proverbs 31:25-31

Message

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Music

Affirmation of Faith

Announcement

Commendation

Benediction

Graveside Service

**Bethel Cemetery
New Salem, ND**

