



*Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet,
To be for such a slumber meet,
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venom'd sting!*

*Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Savior's pow'r.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, for me
May such a blissful refuge be!
Securely shall my ashes lie,
And wait the summons from on high.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Alma Irene Buttke

WHO WAS BORN
July 16, 1929
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
December 8, 2023
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, December 15, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Corona, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Reverend Arthur Drehman

MUSICIANS
Sarah Berkner Miller, Organist
Grandchildren, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS
Jeff Buttke | Justin Hanson | Cory Hanson
Cody Buttke | Casey Buttke | Mark Rethke
Ben Rethke | Joe Rethke | Tyler Buttke | Travis Buttke

HONORARY BEARERS
Staff and Residents of St. William's Care Center

INTERMENT
Kilborn Lutheran Cemetery
Corona, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Alma's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for lunch and fellowship at the Corona Community Center.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota*

Alma Irene Buttke was born on July 16, 1929, in Milbank to Ewald and Alma (Buerkle) Fischer. Alma's mother passed away at the hospital 10 days later. On September 23, 1930, Ewald married Martha Buerkle, who was a cousin to Alma (Buerkle) Fischer. Alma was baptized, confirmed, and married at Emanuel Lutheran church in Milbank. She attended Milbank School and graduated in 1948. On September 19, 1948, she was united in marriage with Eldred Buttke. Alma ("Tootsie" to her side of the family) went from being a city girl to a farmer's wife. Together, they raised their seven children.

Alma loved gardening, canning, cooking and baking, and all of her children and grandchildren. She made excellent bread, six loaves at a time. When she thought she needed to lose some weight, she helped with the milking by carrying the pails of milk to the bulk tank (and she did lose weight.) Later a transfer was added, and she no longer needed to carry the milk. Her remarks were sometimes blunt, but she had a heart of gold. Alma and Eldred were regular Bingo players in Milbank and occasionally took a grandkid along. They also enjoyed going to the local Country Music Jamborees and loved it when kids or grandkids could go with. They took a trip on the Amtrak to visit relatives and said they really enjoyed it but wouldn't do it again. Alma was active in her church with Ladies Aide and teaching Sunday school. After they moved into Corona, she was involved with the Senior Citizens Group. When the kids were young, she did not play cards with the family, probably due to lack of time. When kids were all grown, she learned to play and always carried a deck of cards in her purse. She claimed she did not know how to play very well, but she ended up winning many times. She always looked forward to visits from the grandkids, keeping her chocolate chip cookies on hand. Alma did not learn to drive until after marriage and was not too keen on driving. When the twins were young and looking out the back window of the car while Alma was driving, they would tell her, "Ma you're making dust."

Left to cherish her memory are her seven children: Marty (Deb) Buttke of Milbank, SD; Brian (Susie) Buttke of Corona, SD; Regina (Leslie) Rethke of Milbank, SD; Ronda (David) Hanson of Corona, SD; Brent (Renae) Buttke of Corona, SD; Bradley (Donna) Buttke of Corona, SD; and James Buttke of Spearfish, SD; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Richard (Judy) Buttke. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eldred; brothers: Milton and Arnold; sisters: Irma and Beverly; grandson, Luke Rethke; great-granddaughter, Emily Hanson; and great-grandson, Philip Buttke.

Remembered in Love



Alma Irene Buttke

1929 - 2023