



### *Light Of Heaven*

*I felt the light of heaven  
It was shining down on me,  
I heard His voice, He called my name,  
“my child, come follow Me”;  
There is no pain, there is no hurt  
Nor sadness anywhere,  
In heaven there is joy and love  
And I’ll be waiting there;  
For on the day I left this earth  
I felt your many tears,  
And now I watch you from above  
And keep you very near;  
It hurts to be apart from me, but  
Be patient for the day,  
When we meet again in love and peace  
When you too come this way.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Waneta Ruth Heaton*

WHO WAS BORN

December 13, 1940

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

July 20, 2022

Big Stone City, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, August 6, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

American Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Hans Sacrison

MUSICIANS

Miriam Schwenn, Accompanist

Brenda Maass, Vocalist

URN BEARERS

Kristina Strandmark | TJ Strandmark | Molly Strandmark  
Rhonda Heaton | Ryan Reber | Tyler Reber | Michael Heaton

INURNMENT

Grandview Cemetery

Gary, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Waneta’s family thanks you for your presence at the service and for your many acts and words of kindness. Following the memorial service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the church Fellowship Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

*W*aneta Ruth (Ruby) Heaton was born on December 13, 1940, in Sioux Falls, SD. She was the daughter of Myrtle (Stone) and Jay Earl Ruby. Waneta was born the fifth child of eight. She attended school at Nassau and Marietta Public Schools graduating with the Class of 1958.

On August 26, 1962, Waneta was united in marriage with Lewis Alan Heaton in Conneaut Lake, PA. They made their home in Forest Lake, MN, where they raised their four children on a 20-acre hobby farm. Waneta enjoyed gardening and canning all her vegetables each year. She loved camping and traveling throughout the United States. Waneta loved taking extra time to stop and visit with relatives and friends around the country. She loved big ships and took many cruises during her retirement.

Waneta worked for Unisys for 32 years in St. Paul, MN. After her retirement, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren at their lake home in Rush Lake, MN. In 1999, they purchased a beautiful lake home near Big Stone City, SD, where more memories were made.

Waneta was the loving wife of Lewis Alan Heaton; an amazing mother to: Don (Margaret) Heaton of Forest Lake, MN; Lewis (Jolene) Heaton of Lindstrom, MN; Judy (JD) Drown of Porter, MN; and Lisa Heaton of Marshall, MN; and was an idolized grandmother to: Kristina Strandmark, TJ (Becky) Strandmark, Molly Strandmark, Rhonda Heaton, Ryan Reber, Tyler Reber, and Michael Heaton; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay Earl and Myrtle Ruby; three sisters: Margaret (Rudy) Zahnow, Jean (Al) Ohm, and Leola (Punky) Willis; sister-in-law, Lorrie Ruby; in-laws, Otis and Helen Abbott; and baby grandson, Paul Heaton.

