



### *Day Is Done*

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lakes, from the hills,  
From the sky. All is well!  
Safety rest God is nigh.  
Fading light, dims the sight.  
And a star gems the sky,  
Gleaming bright from afar,  
Drawing nigh, falls the night.  
Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun 'neath the stars  
'Neath the sky, as we go,  
This we know, God is nigh.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Dorinne Pauline Bjerke

## WHO WAS BORN

November 21, 1941  
Watertown, South Dakota

## AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

May 2, 2026  
Ortonville, Minnesota

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, May 11, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.  
Central Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

## OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. B. Michael Brossman

## MUSICIAN

Sheila Dailie, Pianist

## SPECIAL SONGS

“It Is Well With My Soul” | “Old Rugged Cross”

## HONORARY URN BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

## INURNMENT

Milbank City Cemetery  
Milbank, South Dakota

## APPRECIATION

Dorinne’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the church dining room.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota*

**D**orinne Pauline Bjerke was born on November 21, 1941, in Watertown, SD, to Emmett and Margaret (Thrun) Walsh. She grew up in the Watertown area, where she attended school. After graduation, she traveled to California to visit her sister and met Russell Townley. The two were married in 1960 in Gilroy, CA. To this union, their daughter, Jennifer, was born.

Russell served in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Through the years, the family lived in several places during his military career. In 1977, they settled in Milbank, SD. Dorinne and Russell later divorced.

In 1980, Dorinne married Martin Bjerke, and together they made their home in Columbus, GA. While living in Georgia, she worked as a technical writer for Char-Broil until her retirement. Martin passed away in 2004.

In 2006, Dorinne returned to Watertown, where she worked for several years at Dakota Quilt Shop. In January of 2019, she moved back to Milbank.

Dorinne was a member of both Milbank and Watertown Quilt Guilds. Quilting was one of the great joys of her life, and she especially cherished sharing that gift through the quilt ministry at Central Church. She also loved her Boston Terrier, Mea. In her younger years, she enjoyed horses. Throughout her life, she found pleasure in reading as a member of the Central Church Book Club. She was also an avid gardener, and her beautifully landscaped yard in Watertown reflected the care and pride she took in making things beautiful.

Dorinne will be remembered for her creativity, quiet kindness, and the warmth she shared with family, friends, and all who knew her.

Dorinne is survived by her daughter, Jen (Doug) Aden of Milbank, SD; grandchildren: Karista Aden, Britanni (John) Madsen, Samantha (Eric) Kelly; great-grandchildren: Jaraan Myers, Isabella Myers, Ethan Karges, Aubree Madsen, Makenna Young, Kyson Madsen, Isla Kelly, and Olivia Kelly; sister, Deborah (Steve) Wartenbee of South Shore, SD; and nieces, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Martin Bjerke; infant sister, Sharon Walsh; sister, Jeanette Jensen; and former husband, Russell Townley.

Please use this QR code to access  
Dorinne's online guestbook, obituary, and tribute video.

