



*If this were my last day, I'm almost sure  
I'd spend it working in my garden.  
I would dig about my little plants, and try  
To make them happy, so they would endure  
Long after me. Then I would hide secure  
Where my green arbor shades me from the sky,  
And watch how bird and bee and butterfly  
Came hovering to every flowery lure.  
Then, as I rested, perhaps a friend or two,  
Lovers of flowers would come,  
And we would walk  
About my little garden paths and talk  
Of peaceful times when all the world  
Seemed true.  
This may be my last day, for all I know;  
What a temptation just to spend it so!*

Anne Higginson Spicer

*In Loving Memory of*

# **Marlys M. Hallman**

*April 20, 1929 – November 19, 2023*

## **Funeral Service**

Kimball Protestant Parish, Kimball, SD  
10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 25, 2023

## **Officiating**

Rev. Derek Runge

## **Music**

Louann Heath – Organist

*In The Garden*

*Jesus Loves Me*

*On Eagle's Wings*

## **Pallbearers**

Bailey Mayer

Sheldon Mayer

Kevin Blackwell

Dean Miller

Colin Mayer

Richard Braa

Brian Blackwell

David Miller

## **Interment**

Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Mitchell, SD

Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship in the church hall immediately following the funeral services.

**Arrangements By:** Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Marlys Mary (Miller) Hallman was born at Mitchell, SD on April 20, 1929, the daughter of Fred and Kathryn (Zimmerman) Miller of White Lake, SD. She attended Patten School in Aurora County until fifth grade, then moved to Brule County in 1940 and attended Boesen School through the eighth grade. On November 19, 1949, she was united in marriage to Walter Hallman Jr. in Deadwood, SD. They farmed up until Walter's death in October of 1984 and she moved to Chamberlain. She managed the Melchert Motel for four years and also worked at Caseys Welcome West Café beginning in February 1985 as a dishwasher. She was employed there until Casey's closed in December of 2012. Then she worked at Gateway Restaurant and the Senior Citizen Center. Marlys retired in July 2019 at the age of 90. In October 2019, Marlys became a resident of the Chamberlain Care Center where she remained until her passing on November 19, 2023, surrounded by family.

Marlys survived by her daughter Barb (Leonard) Springer of Oacoma; grandchildren Sandi Springer of Pukwana, Brent Springer of Gann Valley, and Sundee (Adam) Mayer of Pukwana; three great grandchildren Bailey, Colin, and Sheldon Mayer; two sisters Jean (Dwain) Blackwell of Chamberlain and Lois (Ross) Goodrich of Mundelein, IL, and a sister-in-law Ethel Miller of Kimball.

Preceding her in death are her parents Kathryn (Zimmerman) and Fred Miller Sr., her husband Walter Hallman in 1984, a brother Fred Miller Jr. and a niece Janice Miller.

