



My First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below.
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear.
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not that far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory, of my undying love.
After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do
For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear.
Remember I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Velma Marlene Wollschlager

WHO WAS BORN
November 7, 1935
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
December 16, 2022
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Friday, December 30, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Father Gary DeRouchey

MUSICIANS
Bobbi Meyer-Hanson, Pianist and Soloist
St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS
Velma's Grandsons:
Paul Kazmerzak | Ryan Kazmerzak | Jesse Heller
Cody Heller | Tory Wollschlager | Colton Wendland
Tyler Waldner | Travis Lester | Dustin Lester
Jordan Wollschlager | Caden Wollschlager | Taylor Berg

HONORARY BEARERS
All of Velma's Godchildren:
Lori Helm | Darrell Schuelke | Lynette Pew | Robert Nilsson
Kristina Kramer | Ann Grabow | Ken Roggenbuck
In Memory of Virginia Wollschlager

INTERMENT
St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Velma's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Velma Marlene (Adelman) Wollschlager was born on November 7, 1935, in Ortonville, MN, to Jerome and Erna (Abramowski) Adelman. Velma was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rosen. She grew up in the Rosen, MN, area and attended school at St. Joseph School. At age 11, Velma and her family relocated to rural Grant County, SD. She attended Bellingham High School and graduated with the Class of 1953.

On October 16, 1954, Velma was united in marriage with Raymond Wollschlager in Rosen, MN. They made their first home in Junction City, KS, as Ray was serving in the United States Army and stationed at Ft. Riley. In 1955, they returned to Vernon Township to farm and raise a family. Ray and Velma enjoyed 58 years of marriage until Ray's passing in January of 2013. Velma was a wonderful homemaker, mother, and farm wife. She was active in the family farming operation and seed corn business and helped her husband, Ray, as a valuable bookkeeper when he sold seed for many years.

Velma was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church. She taught religious education both at St. James Catholic Church in Nassau, MN, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rosen, also serving as director. Velma was a member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, supported the Right to Life and enjoyed singing with the St. Lawrence funeral choir.

Velma was especially proud of having many family members serving in the nation's military, first responders and Law enforcement. She, herself, served as a member of the Nassau and Milbank Auxiliaries in support. She had a green thumb, and will be remembered for her beautiful plants and flowers, often adorned with some of her favorite things; angels, Texas bluebonnets, or birdhouse décor.

When Velma wasn't busy keeping her home and raising her seven children, she enjoyed traveling and took many trips around the United States, taking several trips to Texas. She loved tracing her family tree and was extraordinarily good at remembering family members' birthdays or special events. Velma enjoyed attending any events her grandkids participated in and loved spending time with her godchildren. She loved dancing was known to waltz in her kitchen to country music on the radio. Velma never turned down an opportunity to have a cup of coffee and a sweet treat or two. No one ever left Velma's house hungry! She could cook and bake like nobody's business.

Left to cherish Velma's memory are her children: David (Karlene) Wollschlager of Revillo, SD; Joan Wollschlager (Brad Hauck) of Lake Preston, SD; Debra (Rod) Wendland of Brookings, SD; Cheryl Knudson of Sioux Falls, SD; Susan Lester of Milbank, SD; Charles (Tammy) Wollschlager of Revillo, SD; and Sandy Berg (Steve Minder) of Wilmot, SD; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; siblings: LaVonne (Conrad) Schuelke of Ortonville, MN; Adrian (Pam) Adelman of Brookings, SD; Sharon (Erland) Wellberg of Montevideo, MN; Ruthie (Tom) Schuelke of Ortonville, MN; Donna Schell of Toledo, OH; Carole (Roger) Ruth of Coon Rapids, MN; Dale (Pam) Adelman of Milbank, SD; Ken Adelman of Fargo, ND; and Beverly (Ken) Kuefler of Ortonville, MN; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray in 2013; and sisters: Wanda (Jack) Schuelke, and Kay (Edward) Wollschlager; and twin siblings, Charles and Charlotte Adelman in infancy.



In Loving Memory Of

Velma M. Wollschlager
1935 - 2022