

Wanda Argene Swanson was born April 10, 1929 to Edwin and Bertha (Bliss) Schjulstad in Chamberlain. She grew up on a farm near Chamberlain and attended Chamberlain grade school and high school graduating in 1947, then went to business school in Rapid City. Later she moved to Pierre to work as a secretary for the S.D. Homemaking Supervisor at the Capital. Wanda served as a State and National Officer in the Future Homemakers of American Organization.

On September 24, 1950, Wanda was united in marriage to Roy G. Swanson at the United Church of Christ in Chamberlain. They lived on a farm south of Pukwana near Red Lake for ten years. During that time, they were blessed to welcome a daughter and three sons into their family. In 1960, they moved to the Swanson farm close to where Roy grew up.

Music was an important part of Wanda's life. She was active in the band and choir and began singing for funerals while in high school. Singing in the church choir for 79 years was also very special to her and she enjoyed being a part of River Country Players and other local musical groups.

Wanda was a member of the United Church of Christ and Women's Fellowship and also taught Sunday School. Other organizations included P.E.O. Chapter AA, 4-H, Prime Cattlewomen and "Hi Neighbor" Extension Club.

In later years, Wanda and Roy enjoyed traveling in the winter to Texas and California to visit family and friends; plus went on cruises and visited many other areas.

Wanda also worked as a clerk in a dress shop in Chamberlain for 30 years.

All their children and spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were a very special part of her life. She cherished the many years with Roy and their family. They had many close friends that they enjoyed spending time with. Wanda loved attending the many recitals, plays, musicals, and sports activities the children were involved in.

Wanda passed away on September 11, 2022 at Sanford Medical Center in Chamberlain at the age of 93 years. Gratefully sharing her life are her daughter Gail and husband Dave Gunderson; sons Craig and wife Peggy, Kim and wife Donna, Barry and wife Debbie; seven grandchildren and spouses: Trent (Lynn), Jason (Taya), Alisha (Buster), Jenna (Eric), Brianna (Brent), Wade (Leah), and Amber (Mike); also 16 great grandchildren: Matthew, Megan, Caleb, Kylie, Kelton, Oliver, Espy, Nissi, Judah, Josiah, Jack, Ella, Jaxon, Corbin, Jude, Remy, and Cora Mae.

Preceding her in death were her husband Roy, her parents Edwin and Bertha Schjulstad, sister Anita and husband Richard Waldron, and grandson Derek Swanson.

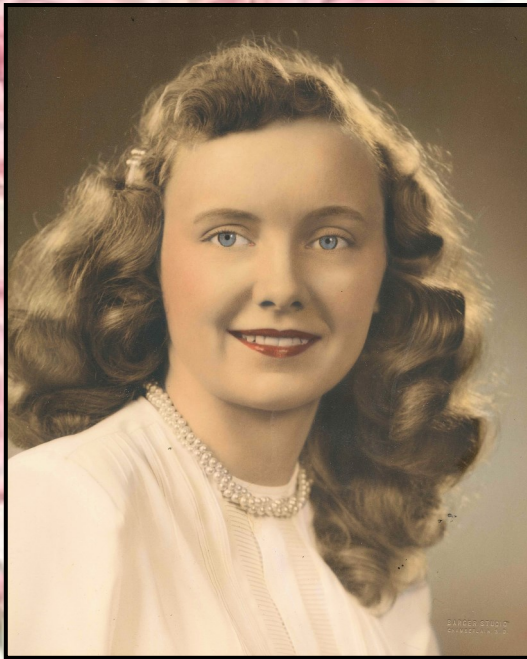


My flesh and my heart may fail

But God is the strength of my heart

And my portion forever

Psalm 73:26



In Loving Memory Of
Wanda Argene Swanson

April 10, 1929 ~ September 11, 2022

Prayer Service

United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, SD

7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 2022

Funeral Services

United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, SD

11:00 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2022

Officiating

Rev. Jim Oleson

Music

Mel Hargens ~ Pianist

Wade & Leah Gunderson ~ Duet ~ "You Are My Hiding Place"

Layne Timmerman ~ Soloist ~ "Wind Beneath My Wings"

Cheryl Augspurger ~ Soloist ~ "I'll Fly Away"

United Church Choir ~ "Precious Memories"

Casketbearers

Trent Swanson

Jason Swanson

Matthew Swanson

Caleb Swanson

Kelton Vincent

Oliver Vincent

Wade Gunderson

Jim "Chet" Swanson

Lowell Hieb

Interment

Swedish Lutheran Cemetery
Ola, SD

Everyone is invited for lunch and fellowship in the church basement immediately following the funeral services.

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Broken Chain

We little knew the morning
that God was going
to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.

Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one

the chain will link again.