

Donna Dirksen, 95, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026, at Bethesda Home in Aberdeen, SD, surrounded by her family.

Donna Ruth Currier was born July 12, 1930, to Valentine and Margaret (Reeter) Currier on a farm near Iroquois, SD, moving at an early age with her family to a farm near Bancroft, SD. She attended all eight years of grade school at the Engelking country school, graduating from Bancroft High School in 1948.

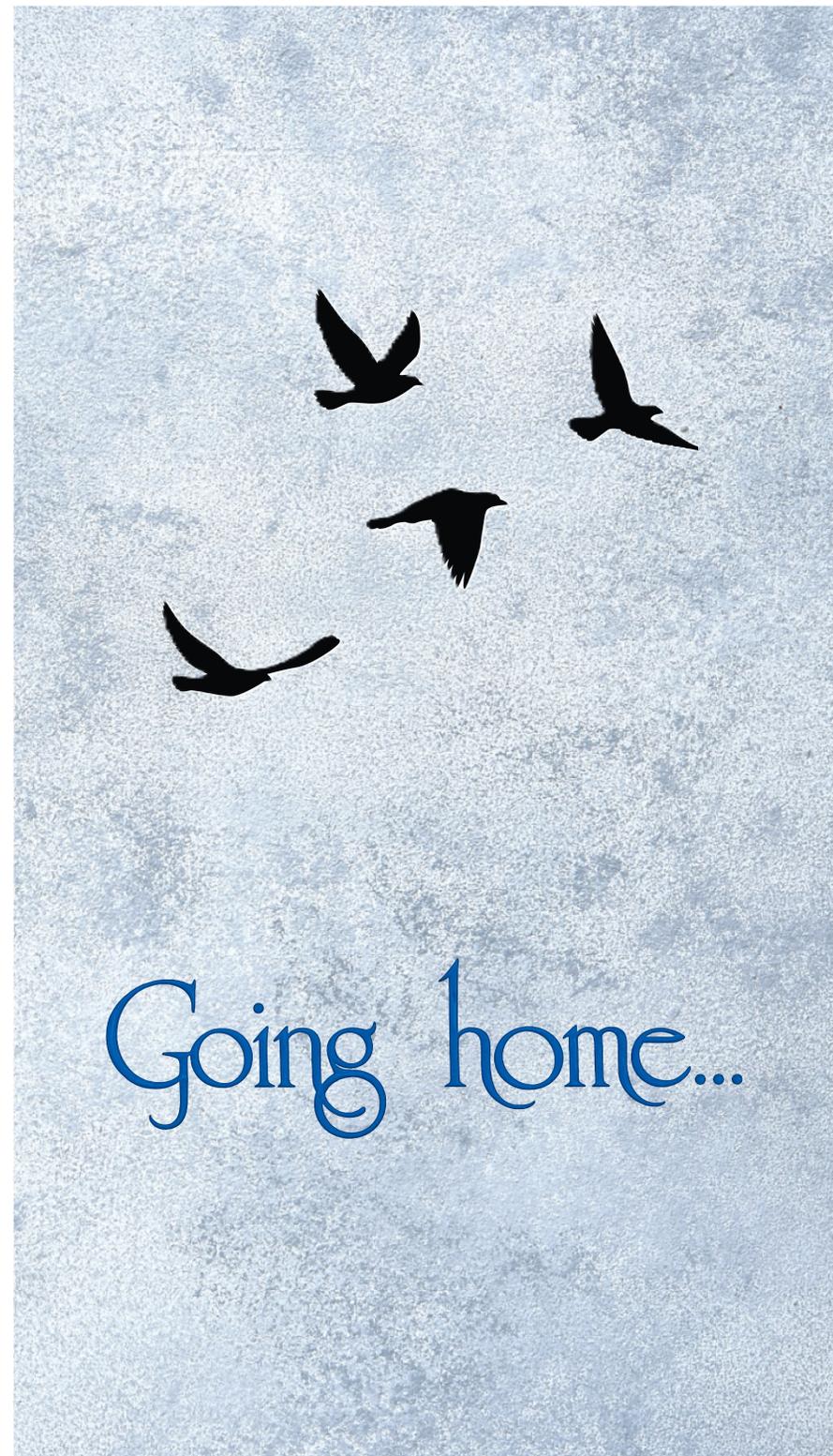
On June 4, 1948, she married Delbert Dirksen at St. John's Lutheran Church at Bancroft, SD. They farmed in the Bancroft area for several years. During that time, they had two daughters, Deanna and Debbie. Her husband began employment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service in December of 1957, continuing to live on their farm by Bancroft until moving to Brookings, SD in August of 1959. Then in July of 1960, they moved to Faulkton, SD, living there until 2023 when she moved to Bethesda Home in Aberdeen, SD.

She was employed by the Faulkton School Lunch Program for 21 years, was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Faulkton.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Deanna (John) Bensen of Brandon, SD and Debbie (Ron) Beckler of Aberdeen, SD; three granddaughters and two grandsons: Kristi (Paul) Herting of Watertown, SD, Bill (Kristin) Bensen of Spencer, IA, Jim Bensen of Sioux Falls, SD, Stephanie Baker of Britton, SD, Nicole (Isaac) Abeln of Columbia, SD; 8 great-grandchildren: Brenna Herting, Amanda (Jake) Schmit, Micah Bensen, Cason (Georgia) Dinger, Cambry Dinger, Jack Baker, Dillon Abeln and Alex Abeln; 2 great great-grandsons: Wesley Libby and Sutton Dinger; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert, on June 2, 1999; her father in 1985; her mother in 2000; brother, Merlin Currier; sister-in-law, Joan Currier; brother, Kenneth Currier; sister-in-law, Pauline Currier; and three nephews; Dan Currier, Matt Rowan and Trenton Rounds.

***"God will be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again."***





A Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
We keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
remembering how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small,
go on with your life, don't just stare at the wall.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,
until the day comes we're together again."*

In Memory Of

Donna Dirksen

July 12, 1930 - February 4, 2026

Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor LeShea Avery

Casketbearers

Bill Bensen - Jim Bensen
Paul Herting - Isaac Abeln
Cason Dinger - Dillon Abeln
Alex Abeln

Honorary Casketbearers

Granddaughters
Great Grandchildren
Great-Great Grandchildren

Musical Selection

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
"Amazing Grace"
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
"God Be With You, Till We Meet Again"

Musician

Beth Deiter

Burial

LeSueur Cemetery
Bancroft, South Dakota

***The family warmly invites you to join them following
the service for a lunch and continued
fellowship at the church.***