

Pauline Treichler Benard, 84, of Hesperia California and formerly of Orient, SD, passed away suddenly May 14, 2010 at her home in Hesperia, California.

She was born to Henry and Clara Treichler on October 6, 1925 in Hand County, South Dakota. Pauline attended country school in Harrison Township, graduated from Orient High School and attended Northern State Teachers College and graduated with a one-year teaching certificate. Due to the early deaths of both her mother and father, she moved back to Hand County to assist her only brother Jacob with the family farm.

On January 15, 1947 she married Harold Benard. They purchased a farm in Spring Township near Orient and remained for twenty-five years where they raised their four children. Upon their retirement from farming, they moved into Orient where Pauline became actively involved in the daily operation of the Orient Legion Café. She quickly created a reputation for her down home cooking with many traveling for miles for one of her delicious Sunday dinners. Perhaps her favorite event each year was the annual Mother's Day Buffet with friends, family and granddaughters assisting with the tradition in which she took such pride.

Pauline was a loving and devoted wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She cherished her family and loved being a homemaker, gardener and seamstress and opened her kitchen to many friends and relatives over the years. She patiently shared her encouragement, cooking skills and favorite family recipes with her granddaughters and most recently with her great grandsons. Out of state nieces and nephews loved to spend summer vacations on the family farm where they were welcomed and loved like her children. She was also an avid reader and a gifted writer. In 2000 she wrote a book on her family history while her granddaughter Audra assisted with the publishing. Later in life she became well known for her love of knitting and over the years many family and friends were recipients of her beautiful hand crafted gifts.

Due to health reasons, Pauline moved to California in 2000 where she resided with her oldest son David and his wife Linda in Hesperia. She spent occasional time in Huntington Beach with her two younger sons Roger and Arnie where she quickly created a new social network of friends whom she shared so many loving memories.

Cherishing her loving memory forever are her daughter Shirley Schwab of Aberdeen, her three sons Roger and Arnie of Huntington Beach, California and David and daughter-in-law Linda of Hesperia, California, six granddaughters, Sara Rohlfs of Bismarck, ND, Amy (Stuart) Nelson of Prior Lake, Mn, Rebecca Schwab (Mike Makens) of Sioux Falls, SD, Audra (Greg) Piorkowski of Hesperia, CA, Jessica Benard of San Diego, CA., and Lauren Benard of Hesperia, CA. and six great grandchildren.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jacob and her husband.

Our mother lived her entire life with strength and integrity, a keen mind, incredible sense of humor and the ability to show everyone she met the true meaning of unconditional love and acceptance. We will all remain forever grateful for the stellar example and legacy she has left for her children, granddaughters and great grandchildren. We love you Mom, Grandma and GG!





One Common Thread

*Our mom meant so much to so many people.
She gave so much of herself while asking anything in return.*

*She could patiently knit all day and suddenly discover she had dropped a
stitch. Instead of ignoring the drop, she would unravel her work,
at times an entire day worth of knitting.*

She would then patiently begin knitting again, never hurried.

*One may wonder why bother with such a minor flaw?
She never had to explain because the answer
became obvious to all who would observe her labor.*

*She took such pride in those gifts and
showed us the power of giving was much better then receiving.*

*How magical a simple pair of slippers could feel,
how warm a cozy afghan could be on
a chilly night when given with such unconditional love.*

*Our mom crafted a seamless mosaic,
a tapestry of all that is good and important in life.*

*Mom's love to all of us was like a giant ball of yarn weaving together '
One Common Thread.*

Pauline's Loving Family

In Loving Memory

Pauline Treichler Benard

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

4:00 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2010
Orient Lutheran Church
Orient, South Dakota

CLERGY – Pastor Lloyd Miller

PRELUDE: *"Here I Am Lord"*

THE GATHERING PRAYER:

HYMN: *"How Great Thou Art"*

READING OF OBITUARY:

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

EULOGY BY FAMILY:

HYMN: *"The Rose"*

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

THE GOSPEL: John 5:24-29

SERMON: Planting Seeds of Love

HYMN: *"Be Not Afraid"*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

REFLECTION: *"Go Rest High On The Mountain"*

THE BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: *"Take Me Home Country Roads"*

**Reception and Lunch immediately following the service
in the church basement**