

Leah Cowhick, 92, of Aberdeen and formerly of Cresbard, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Leah Ruth Cowhick (Cunningham) was born June 5, 1918 to Charles and Laura (Pratt) Cunningham on a farmstead southeast of Cresbard. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Cresbard. She also attended the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen after moving to Aberdeen in 2003.

On October 25, 1937 she married her childhood sweetheart, Herbert Cowhick. They had 67 glorious years together. They were lifetime singing partners and had sung for many of their friend's celebrations and services.

Leah was a very strong, spiritual, witty, and dignified lady who remained extremely sharp up to the very end. She enjoyed many passions: her immediate and extended family, farming, shopping, music, cards, cooking, travelling domestically and internationally, following tennis and golf, church and community activities. At 91 she acquired a computer and enjoyed receiving emails and pictures from her family and friends.

Leah aspired from an early age to be a chuck wagon cook. Although times changed and she wasn't able to realize those dreams she did fulfill a lifetime of masterfully prepared meals and delicacies. She was renowned for 'throwing' a meal together that was absolutely delicious. She had her 'unique' recipes stored in her head and no one could duplicate nor prepare them as well as Leah. Her homemade fudge and cinnamon rolls topped the list.

Leah played the piano and organ at church for many years. She was the Grand Organist for the Eastern Star and shared this love of music with residents at retirement and assisted living facilities. She passed this passion for music down the family genes with many family members pursuing musical interests and careers.

She had a passion for farming and so loved to keep up on the agricultural industry. Many times Leah and Herbert dropped their own work to help someone else. She was always on top of farming programs and interested and concerned for the local farmers.

She wouldn't pass an opportunity to play cards with family or friends be it bridge, spades, pinochle, whist, or go fish with great grand children. When questioning her three year old grandson about 'stacking the deck', she was told "Be thankful for what you have" – and she was.

Her memory will be cherished by her three daughters: Lorene Veatch of Cresbard, Karolyn (James) Perry of Las Vegas, NV, and Cyndy (Larry) Schaunaman of Houston, TX. She was very proud of her six grandchildren and found joy in her 13 great grandchildren. She is survived by one sister, Rosalie Bowar of Cresbard, and one brother Milton Cunningham of Wadena, MN.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Herbert Cowhick, and two brothers Ernest (Ernie) Cunningham and Charles Robert (Babe) Cunningham.



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Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

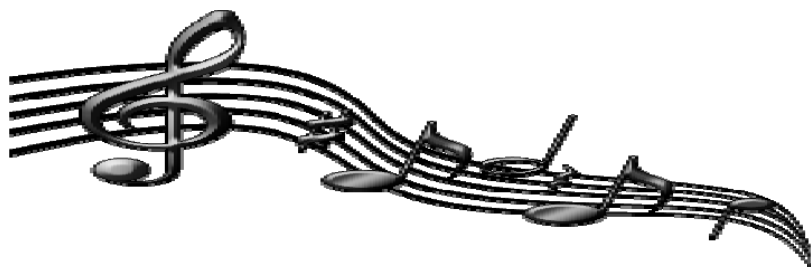
I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



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June 5, 1918 ~ August 31, 2010



Celebrating A Life

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m., Friday, September 3, 2010
United Methodist Church
Cresbard, South Dakota

Clergy

Rev. Julie Nygaard

Casketbearers

Scott Schaunaman	Monie Perry
Mike Tiltrum	Del Lyren
Pat Bowar	Craig Kono
David Kono	

Ushers

Darwin Holt – Dennis Holm

Special Music

Shana Tiltrum – Piano
Kelsey Tiltrum – Piano
Allyson Tiltrum – Flute
Alex Lyren – French Horn
Nicole Lyren – Bassoon

Eulogy

Scott Schaunaman

Eastern Star Memorial Service

Faulkton Chapter #69

Interment

DeVoe Cemetery
Cresbard, South Dakota