

*In Loving Memory*

# **Ione Brown**

*June 25, 1925  
Yankton, South Dakota*

*July 14, 2012  
Buffalo, Minnesota*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes  
We watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We would not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

Arrangements Entrusted To



Faulkton, South Dakota  
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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

*2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2012*

*United Church of Faulkton ~ Faulkton, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Pastor Bill Hoffman*

**READINGS:**

*Psalm 23 by Philip Brown*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 by Barry Jungwirth*

**EULOGISTS:**

*Maurine Auchampach and Holly Herman*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

*Margaret Denzer*

*Abbie Brown*

*Michele Melius*

*Holly Herman*

*Vanessa Melius*

*Jessica Schmidt*

*Kathryn Brown Rank*

*Colleen Johnson*

**USHERS:**

*Riley Brown, Matt Brown, Brad Brown, Phil Brown, Tom Melius*

**ORGANIST:** *Cheryl Fischer*

**SOLOIST:** *Jessica Schmidt ~ "Be Still My Soul"*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**INTERMENT:**

*Faulkton Cemetery  
Faulkton, South Dakota*

**Ione Brown** entered this world on June 25, 1925 the first of eight children. Her parents were Edward and Marie (Puetz) Jungwirth and she spent her adolescence in Zell and Wecota, South Dakota.

Ione graduated from Cresbard High School with aspirations to become a Navy nurse during World War II. Ione graduated from Presentation College with a degree in nursing, but fortunately the war ended before she could be commissioned. With the war's end, her fiancé, Jarvis Brown, returned from his service in the Navy and they married Thanksgiving weekend, 1946.

Jarvis started law school, and Ione's work in a small clinic in Vermillion and help from the GI bill, kept the two newlyweds housed and fed until her husband's graduation.

After graduation the couple moved to Faulkton, SD where they would reside until the end of their working lives. Ione was an asset to her community where she worked as a nurse in a medical clinic, a hospital, and a nursing home. She also often took night shifts, specializing in the care of patients in the hospital and at home (similar to today's hospice care). Throughout her professional life she did many jobs relating to the care of the citizens of Faulkton, and she was instrumental in establishing the EMT services for Faulkton.

In her private life, Ione was involved in supporting her husband and raising her children, but she was also a vigorous volunteer at the Methodist Church, a strong supporter of the American Legion Auxiliary, (as a member of over 50 years), and tireless worker in establishing the Lakeside Golf Course. Her many contributions helped build the vitality of the town of Faulkton. One of her last community activities was to manage the Lionette Girl's Fastpitch team where she served as nurse, equipment manager, cheerleader, and second mother to many young ladies.

In her final years in Faulkton she helped support her husband as he served in the South Dakota House of Representatives. Ione enjoyed her time in Pierre, helping with committees as well as engaging in the social aspect of her position.

After her husband passed, she moved to Buffalo, MN to be nearer to her children who loved having her physically closer after so many years. She again made many new friends in her new home.

She was the best wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend for whom anyone could wish. Those who knew her truly appreciated her compassion, loyalty, and loving, gentle spirit.

Ione was preceded in death by her husband, father, mother, and two brothers.

She is survived by her children Bradley (Mary) Brown, Thomas (MaryLee) Melius, Philip (Dolly) Brown, and Holly (Gale) Herman. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.

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