

Celebrating a Life

Neoma Leppke



Safely Home

I am safely in Heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever,

Safely home in Heaven at last.

And He came Himself to meet me

In that way so hard to tread;

And with Jesus' arm to lean on,

Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,

For I love you dearly still;

Try to look beyond earth's shadows,

Pray to trust our Father's Will.

March 29, 1933

Faulk Co., South Dakota

August 31, 2016

Aberdeen, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 4, 2016

Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Monday, September 5, 2016

St. Paul's Lutheran Church ~ Aberdeen, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Samuel Bobby,

Pastor Josiah Fitch, Pastor Timothy Koch

CASKETBEARERS:

Wesley Holsing, Lyle Haselhorst, Darwin Bettmann,

Mike Wolf, Rodger Remier, Henry Elsing

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: Neoma's Nieces, Nephews,

Great-Nieces and Great-Nephews

USHER: Ron Bolduan

ORGANIST: Sheri Scott

HYMNS: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

"Be Still, My Soul" "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

INTERMENT:

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery ~ Wecota, South Dakota



Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Neoma K. Leppke, daughter of the late Wilhem “Max” Leppke and Elizabeth (Bettman) Leppke was born March 29, 1933 in the house she grew up in on the family farm in Wecota, South Dakota. She was baptized in Christ at the Wecota Immanuel Lutheran Church where she would later confirm her life in Christ.

She attended Wecota’s one room school house until the 8th grade, at which time she entered Cresbard High School. After graduating high school in 1951, she attended Aberdeen School of Commerce, for a one-year course. Upon her graduation in 1952 she began her thirty-one-year career as a secretary/procurement clerk with the U.S. Government working in seven different agencies and five different locations to include Aberdeen, South Dakota; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Nemo, South Dakota; and Saipan, one of the Mariana Islands of the Pacific Ocean. She worked at the Headquarters of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Territories on Saipan Island.

Neoma returned to Aberdeen in 1969, and worked at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare – Indian Health Services. She undertook the task of being caretaker during the latter days of the lives of her father, Max, and mother, Elizabeth. She retired in 1984 to her home in Aberdeen. During her retirement she enjoyed traveling around the world, visiting other countries, some of which she returned to many times. She never married, however, she looked upon her many nieces and nephews as her children, and often brought back gifts from her many travels or included them in her travels. She volunteered for the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, often helping with funerals and assisting in the office when she could. Neoma was a Breast Cancer Survivor and championed the cause to find a cure. She had always wanted a large orange striped cat when she retired and adopted one from the Aberdeen Area Humane Society where she also volunteered. Tiger was her special companion during her retirement and he was well spoiled. Neoma was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing cards with her friends, as well as board games with her family. She will be remembered for her love of chocolate. She moved from her home in Aberdeen to Bethesda Living Complex in 2002, where she continued to live until her passing on August 31, 2016.

Neoma is survived by her sister, Delores (Leppke) Flanigan; brother, Delbert (Gretchen) Leppke and her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Max Leppke and Elizabeth (Bettman) Leppke; one nephew, Brent Flanigan; and her brother-in-law Don (Delores) Flanigan.



In Loving Memory