

Garden of Memories

Irene is now back to work and long overdue
Tending to her precious plants and starting all a new
Preparing the soil and planting the seed is what she asked to do
Her love and care have now blossomed, but we are without you
With all she has done, we thank her from our core
Remembering that her love blooms within us now and ever more

Anonymous



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Irene C. Melius

December 9, 1925 - January 7, 2017

Celebration of Life:

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16, 2017

Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

Minister: Brother Jonathan Rohrbach

Revelation 21:3, 4

With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:
"Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will
reside with them, and they will be his people. And
God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out
every tear from their eyes, and death will be no
more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be
anymore. The former things have passed away."

Lunch will immediately follow

*Irene's Celebration of Life
in the fellowship hall at the
United Church of Faulkton*

Private Interment:

Faulkton Cemetery
Faulkton, South Dakota

Hope Strength

Arrangements Entrusted To

Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

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M E M O R Y

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Irene C. Melius, 91, of Faulkton, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Faulkton Senior Living Center with her beloved husband by her side.

Irene Charlotte Haselhorst was born on December 9, 1925 to Edwin and Charlotte (Freitag) Haselhorst. Irene and her sister Dorothy attended elementary at Millard Country School by horse and buggy. Irene graduated high school in 1943 from Faulkton. After graduation she went out to San Francisco, CA to work as a file clerk for a short period of time. On September 14, 1949 she married the love of her life Orvil Melius at the Walt and Dorothy (Haselhorst) Olson farm stead. They lived at the old Keller place, Lilas Riley's farm, for a couple years until moving to their farm, west of Wecota, where they worked until September of 2004 when they moved into Faulkton.

In Irene's early years she spent days working right alongside of Orvil, milking cows, tending to the chickens and helping in the field. Irene would spend hours tending to her garden and many potted flowers. Her garden was as beautiful as she was and had every color possible in it. When she was not able to be outside with her flowers, she crocheted countless blankets with just as bright of colors as her garden. Irene had a collection of blown glass pieces and ceramic horses that were always on display.



Honor *Loving Memory*

Whole family pheasant hunts and apple juice making was some important family time Irene enjoyed. Whether washing every apple or making large meals for everyone after hunting, she never complained. Working hard was the standard and Irene never fell short a day in her life.

She was baptized as a Jehovah witness on April 4, 1970 and was a devoted witness all her days.

Blessed for having shared her life are her husband, Orvil of 67 years; 3 children: Marilee (Ray) Patton of Tulsa, OK, Susan Melius Mission Viejo, CA, and Diane (Lee) Hansen of Faulkton; four grandchildren: Michael Patton, Matthew (Haley) Patton, Rick (Ashley) Hansen, and Trish (Cole) Cotton; and five great-grandchildren: Blake, Evan, and Heidi Hansen, Raya and Harper Cotton.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Dorothy; and grandchild, Cody Hansen.