



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all
 I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times,
 a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Honor Loving Memory Agnes E. Ireland

November 8, 1921
Scotland, South Dakota

October 5, 2022
Aberdeen, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2022
Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor LeShea Avery

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Zion Lutheran Church ~ Scotland, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Chuck Asche

CASKET BEARERS:

Sean Stampe, Derek White, Brittany White,
Nicole White, Brandi Melius, and Jori Melius

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Agnes' Grandchildren

ORGANIST: Janice Kocer

MUSIC:

"(Prayer is the Key to Heaven) Faith Unlocks the Door"
"Amazing Grace" "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

INTERMENT:

Rosehill Cemetery
Scotland, South Dakota

Agnes Edna (Diede) Ireland was born November 8, 1921 at Scotland, SD to Christ Jacob and Mary Magdalena (Grajkowski) Diede. She was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church on December 18, 1921. She was raised in the family home in Scotland.

Agnes attended the Scotland elementary and high schools, graduating in 1939. She loved to sing and was active in the high school chorus and glee club.

On November 4, 1939, Agnes married Wilfred "Pat" Ireland at Huron, SD. They lived in Hartford, where Pat taught vocational agriculture from 1939 through the summer of 1941. During that time, Judith was born in Sioux Falls. From 1941 through February 1946, they lived at Burke, SD, where Pat taught. That is where Richard and Ellen were born. On February 26, 1946, they moved from Burke to Scotland. Pat was being drafted into the service and he wanted Agnes and the children to be closer to relatives while he was gone.

In 1948, they purchased and moved to the former Jones' farm four miles southeast of Scotland. That is where Nancy and Dennis were born. After 26 years of farming, Pat and Agnes purchased the former Henry Weidenbach house in Scotland in March 1974.

Agnes joined the United Methodist Church while she was in high school. She was very active in the United Methodist Women's organization and held various offices. She sang in a quartet and never missed a chance to sing in the church or community choirs. Her favorite activity was kittenball. Agnes was a strong supporter of community affairs and actively helped plan her high school and all-school reunions. She also enjoyed quilting, gardening, bowling, jigsaw puzzles, delivering Meals-On-Wheels, and playing pinochle.

Agnes' life will be cherished by her children: Judith Strachan, Mesquite, NV, Ellen Melius, Faulkton, SD, and Nancy (Howard) Wagoner-Hoffer, Bandon, OR; daughters-in-law: Carol Ireland, Olivet, SD, Dianne Ireland, Soldotna, AK, Janis Ireland, San Leandro, CA, and Susan Ireland, Rockville, MD; her grandchildren: Thomas Casey Strachan and Sarah (Daniel) Stephens, Debbie (Steve) White and Amy Dahlquist, Keith (Charlotte) Melius, Jody (James) Stampe, and Lesli (Joshua) Jensen, Ryan Broderick and Tracy Johnson, and Patrick and Joshua Ireland; 11 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilfred; sons: Richard and Dennis Ireland; siblings and their spouses: Lawrence (Parthelia), Adolph (Helen), and Harold (Zita Schmidt) Diede; sons-in-law: Thomas Strachan, James Melius, Thomas Broderick, and Edgar Wagoner; daughter-in-law, Marilyn Ireland; and a grandson, Jeffrey Strachan.

