

*In Loving Memory*

## *Cheris J. Wagner*

*June 6, 1940*

*March 31, 2016*

*Sully Co., South Dakota*

*Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

### *A Fallen Limb*

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.*

*I keep hearing a voice that says,*

*"Grieve not for me."*

*Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.*

*The good life I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.*

*Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.*

*Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions, no matter how small.*

*Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.*

*Until the day comes we're together again.*

#### **PRAYER SERVICE:**

*7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016*

*Agar Hall ~ Agar, South Dakota*

#### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

*"Go Rest High On That Mountain" "You Are My Sunshine"*

#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

*10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016*

*Agar Hall ~ Agar, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:** *Pastor Jeff Adel*

**EULOGIST:** *Lewis Robbennolt*

#### **CASKETBEARERS:**

*Geoff Wagner, Seth Wagner, Zachari Wagner,*

*Chad Rausch, Shaun Rausch, Brody Schatz,*

*Skylar Beringer, Jack Beringer,*

*Aidan Hirsch, Kadyn Cass*

#### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

*Jamie Wagner, Kaeli Wagner, Kylee Whitney,*

*Shaelyn Schatz, Makaivry Schatz, Kenadie Broderick*

**USHERS:** *Jerry Richards and Dean Frederick*

**ORGANIST:** *Pauline Brehe*

#### **VOCALIST:**

*Tim Zebroski ~ "Go Rest High On That Mountain"*

#### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

*"How Great Thou Art" "Old Rugged Cross"*

*"Amazing Grace"*

**INTERMENT:** *Onida Cemetery ~ Onida, South Dakota*

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*Cheris Wagner, 75, of Agar, passed away, Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.*

*Cheris J. Shoup was born June 6, 1940, in Sully County, South Dakota to Benjamin and Genevieve (Cavanaugh) Shoup. She attended country school in North Morton Township in Sully County and graduated from Agar High School in 1958. During her high school years she stayed with Dorothy and Sherman Seward in Agar. Ironically, she had no idea at the time, but she would one day marry Dorothy's younger brother Arlo. Following graduation from High School, she moved to Minneapolis, MN for a year and worked in a physician's office at a local hospital. During this time, she became homesick and decided to return to South Dakota where she did housekeeping for Kenny and Darlene Smith of Agar.*

*On July 2, 1959, Cheris was united in marriage to Arlo C. Wagner at the Methodist parsonage in Onida. They made their home in numerous places between 1959 and 1966, which included small stints in Agar, 1.5 years in Miller, and 3 years east of Cotton Wood Lake before finally settling on the family farm, where they have resided for the last 50 years. This is where they raised their 5 children.*

*Cheris loved country and western music. During the years that she raised her family, she played the piano and sang in bands including Warren's Western Swing and Shoup's Country Western Band which included other family members. After raising her children, she decided to go on and pursue a career in Nursing. She attended the Pierre School of Practical Nursing and graduated as an LPN, on August 13, 1982. She went on to work at the Pierre River Park Foundation, the Gettysburg Memorial Hospital and the Oahe Manor Nursing home, until her retirement. She was a very compassionate and loving nurse who took particular pride in caring for the elderly.*

*Cheris's primary passion was her family, which included her husband Arlo, five children, 16 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She looked forward to attending any events such as weddings that would give her an opportunity to dance with her husband Arlo. She loved to dance and thoroughly enjoyed "hands on" activities with her children and grandchildren that included things such as taking them fishing, playing games, and attending various school and sporting events. She always made herself available to babysit grandchildren whenever needed. Her most recent interest became "mastering" her computer where she enjoyed communicating with family and friends through Facebook, emails, Pinterest, and playing various computer games. She especially enjoyed creating electronic picture catalogs from the thousands of pictures sent to her from family and friends. Grateful for having shared her life are her husband of 56 years, Arlo; her children: Scott (Joan) Wagner of Robins, Iowa and children Geoff (Nell), Jamie, Seth; Michael Wagner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and children Zachari, Kaeli; Twila (Mike) Rausch of Gettysburg and children Chad (Erika), Shaun (Tasha), Kylee (Dustin); Sheila (Mark) Schatz of Gettysburg and children Brody, Shaelyn, Makivry; and April Beringer (fiancé Paul Broderick) of Spearfish and children Skyler, Jack, Aidan, Kadyn, Kenadie; and six great grandchildren Easton, Cashton, Layton, Brooklyn, Addehyn, and Nora; two brothers: Jim (Carol) Shoup of Onida and Ben (Loni) Shoup of Pierre; two sisters: Marje Zebroski of Watertown and Cindy (Ralph) Thoene of Sioux Falls and numerous nieces and nephews.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Genevieve Shoup; brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Dorothy Shoup; brother-in-law Jerry Zebroski and grandson Brock Schatz.*

