

Psalm 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the LORD
which made heaven and earth.*

*The LORD is thy keeper; the LORD
is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.*

*The LORD shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.*

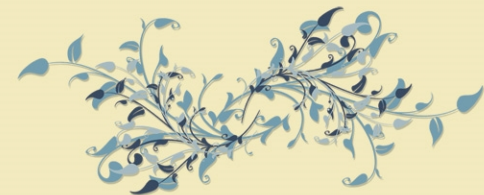
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In Loving
M E M O R Y

Alita K. Buechler

September 19, 1925 - January 17, 2020



Alita Katherine Buechler was born September 19, 1925, in Roscoe SD to Ludwig and Katherine (Schumacher) Guthmiller. After graduating from Roscoe High School in 1943, she moved to Bowdle and worked at the Bowdle Creamery where she met Alvin Buechler. Married in August 1947, they moved to Minneapolis while Alvin attended dental school. In 1951, the Buechler family moved to Gettysburg where Alvin (now "Doc") opened his dental practice, and Gettysburg became her hometown for the next 69 years.

Alita was a homemaker extraordinaire, helpmeet to her husband for 65 years, and a loving mother to her three children. Her kitchen prowess produced delicacies with names like knipfels and huluptze. Possessed of a sweet tooth Doc couldn't extract, she was a baker of many delectable treats, but especially renown for her kuchen. Beyond the kitchen she was a seamstress of professional caliber. Exactng of herself, she brought out the best in others. Alita thoroughly enjoyed the company of friends. Times spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her great joy and delight. Throughout life Alita enjoyed golfing, bowling, gardening, knitting, quilting, and reading, but it was the daily solving of crossword puzzles that brought her the greatest pleasure.

Community oriented and civic minded, Alita was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and member of Color Guard. She spearheaded the SHIP project, which made hats, slippers, and cooling ties for military members. She served as President of the SD Dental Auxiliary. A devoted member of Emanuel Lutheran church, she was a choir member for 50 years, Ladies Aid President and Treasurer, and chairperson of their quilting project.

Alita is survived by her children: Sue (Neil) VanBockel, Eden Prairie, MN, Dr. Steve Buechler, Palm Springs, CA, and Dr. Lynn (Mark) Utecht, Virginia Beach, VA; four grandchildren: Courtney (Dustin) Anderson, Ryan (Jessica) VanBockel, Seth Utecht, and Maggie Utecht; and four great grandchildren: Cambelle and Lucas Anderson, Lucy and Brooks VanBockel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and one sister.

In Loving Memory Of

Alita K. Buechler

September 19, 1925
Roscoe, South Dakota

January 17, 2020
Gettysburg, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

HYMN: "I'm But a Stranger Here"

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor David Otten

CASKET BEARERS:

Seth Utecht, Ryan VanBockel, Dustin Anderson,
Bill Wuttke, Maggie Utecht, Courtney Anderson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Rolleen and Jerry Hauck,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Quilting Group,
American Legion Auxillary Color Guard

USHERS: Monty Harer and John Zuber

ORGANIST: Norma Harer

VOCALISTS: "In the Garden"

Lori Harer, Sarah Tanner and Todd Mangin

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

INTERMENT: Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota