

## *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my Shepherd:  
I shall not want. He maketh me to lie  
down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



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*In Memory of*  
***Janice E. Wilbur***

December 30, 1942  
January 20, 2026



Janice Wilbur, 83, of Miller, passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Janice Elaine (Schwartz) Wilbur was born on December 30, 1942, in Miller, SD to Philip and Rosine (Melber) Schwartz. Janice grew up on the family farm in Florence Township in Hand County. Janice attended grade school at Spring Valley Country School and graduated from Miller High School in 1961; she then attended Huron College and graduated with an Elementary Education degree in 1965.

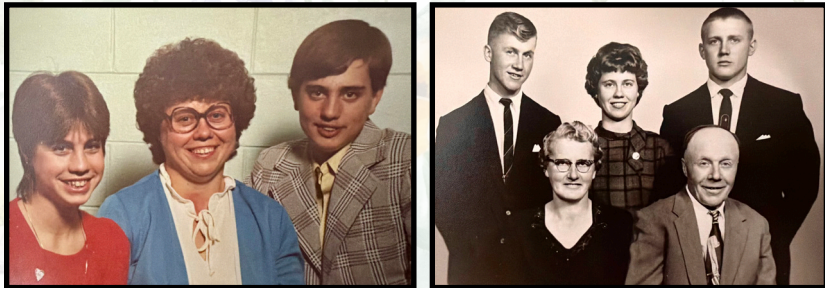
Janice married Lee Ward, and to this union, two children were born, Kevin and Kelly. Janice taught school in Michigan for a few years, then moved to Miller, SD, beginning her long teaching career with the Miller School District. Janice taught for 37 years and valued friendships with teachers and students.

Janice married Curtis Wilbur on August 3, 1985, in Miller. They shared 40 years together.

Janice had a big heart; she enjoyed visiting and loved remembering her students. Janice also enjoyed gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, and baking. She blessed neighbors, friends, and family with her delicious baked goods.

Janice is survived by her husband, Curtis Wilbur; her son, Kevin Ward and daughter, Kelly Ward; her grandchildren: Gabe (Alicia) Ward; Nathan (Claire) Ward and Ella Ward, and Brandi Schaffer; great grandchildren: Nickolas (Jenise Rose); Kaelyn, Brenden, Norah, Hazel Grace, and Grayson Ward, Brian, Jr., Timothy, and Jocelyn CanCino; brothers: Lloyd Schwartz (Paula) and Philip Ray (Marylou); and cherished nieces and nephews

Janice is preceded in death by her parents; sister-in-law, Judy Schwartz, and daughter-in-law, Mary Ward.



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**Funeral Service**  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
First United Methodist Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**Officiating**  
Rev. Allison Galbreath

**Casketbearers**  
Brett Schwartz  
Vincent Grupe  
Broderick Grupe  
Craig Heezen  
Jonna Grupe  
Casper Jones

**Musicians**  
SuAnne Meyer  
Teresa Heezen

**Musical Selections**  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"In The Garden"  
"Amazing Grace"

**Burial**  
Hillcrest Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

*The family warmly invites you to join them  
for lunch and continued fellowship  
following the burial.*