

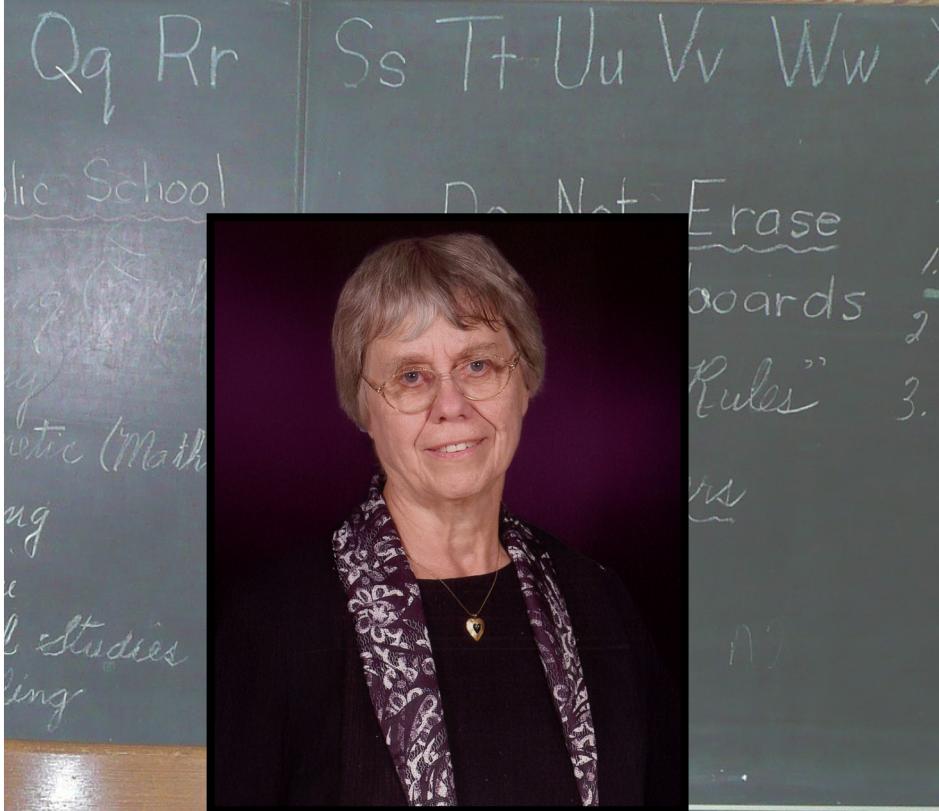
Psalm 23

*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.*

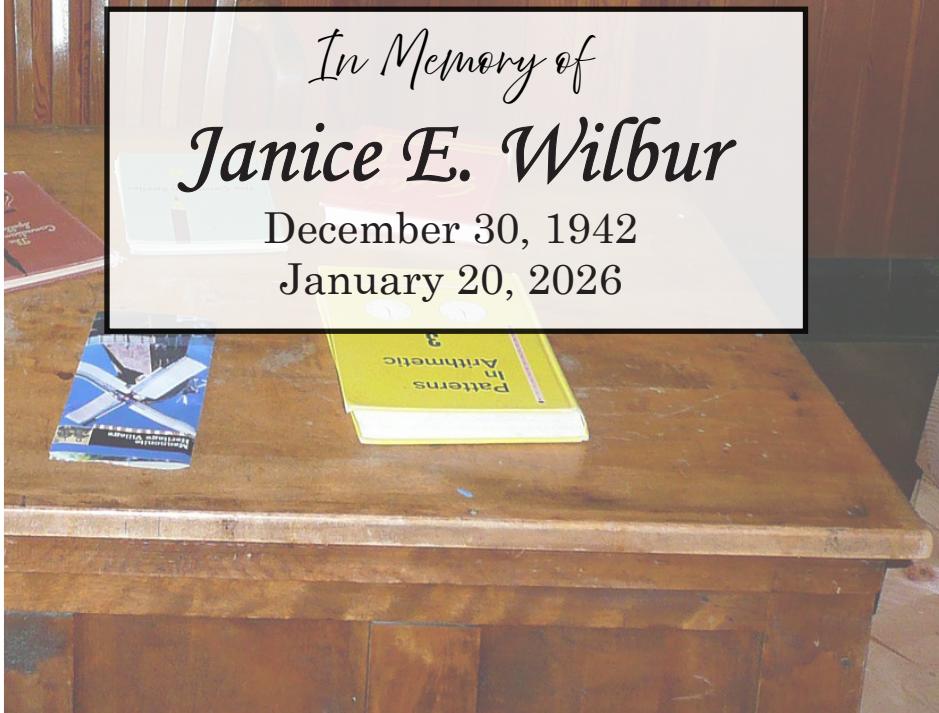


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*In Memory of
Janice E. Wilbur
December 30, 1942
January 20, 2026*



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.*