

Donna R. Wood, age 83, of Marathon, Iowa and formerly of Laurens, Iowa died May 2, 2011 at the Longhouse Residence Nursing Home at Spencer, Iowa.

Donna Rae Leah Houck, the daughter of Gregg and Leah (Wright) Houck, was born in Burlington, Iowa on June 24, 1927. She lived her youth and received her education in Burlington, graduating from the Burlington High School. Donna continued her education at the Burlington Junior College.

On March 31, 1948, Donna was united in marriage to Robert Wood, and this union was blessed with nine children: Gail, Robbin, Jane, Scott, Teresa, Tim, Joann, Andy, and Alyce. Many years of Donna and Bob's married lifetime was spent in Burlington where she was a devoted wife, homemaker and a supportive, nurturing and patient mother to her children. In 1966, they moved to Laurens, Iowa and later moved to Marathon in 1997.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Laurens and had been a longtime participant in various bowling leagues. Donna will be remembered as an avid reader and kept her mind active by doing word puzzles. She also had a love for singing and had sung in the school choir when she was younger. Her children lovingly referred to Donna as a "very wonderful mother".

Her life will always be honored and cherished by her children: Gail (Rex) Heckert of Peterson, Iowa; Robbin (Ron) Nissen of Marathon, Iowa; Jane (Larry) Heckert of Hazleton, Iowa; Scott Wood of Burlington, Iowa; Teresa (Dennis) Fitzgerald of Clear Lake, Iowa; Tim (Sharon) Wood of Boone, Iowa; Joann Huegerich of Laurens, Iowa; Andy (Anne) Wood of Circle Pines, Minnesota; and Alyce (Neville) Buffin of Hazlet, New Jersey; 19 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law, Anne Houck of Virginia; Ginny Kluska of Indiana, and Marilu (Gerry) Kuhl of Iowa, and brother, Gregg (Mary) Houck, Jr. of Illinois; nieces; nephews; other extended family and her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; one grandson; one niece; one nephew; her brother, Dean, and a brother-in-law: Frank Kluska

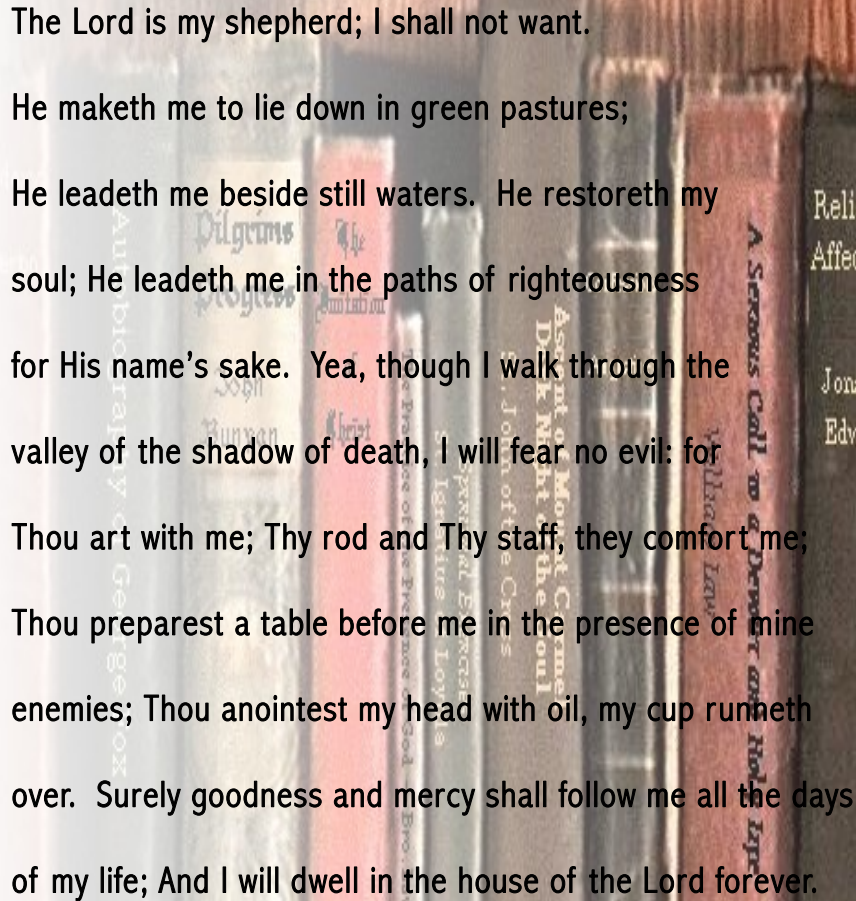
May God bless the memory of Donna Rae Leah Wood.

In Loving Memory



Donna R. Wood

1927 — 2011



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside 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.

Psalm 23

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in
thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.
Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the Parish Hall
immediately following the service.

— The Family of Donna Rae Wood

IN MEMORY OF Donna Rae Wood

June 24, 1927 — May 2, 2011

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, May 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church — Laurens, Iowa

CLERGY

Father John Gerald

ORGANIST

Karen Siepker

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“On Eagle’s Wings”
“In The Garden”

SOLOIST

Joyce Ahlers
“How Great Thou Art”
“Be Not Afraid”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Donna’s Great Grandchildren
Gavin Pate, Brogan Wood, Lillie Fitzgerald, Maeve Fitzgerald
Keegan Geisinger, Brooklyn Ahlers, Irelyn Ahlers

CASKET BEARERS

Brian Heckert, Jason Heckert, Ian Fitzgerald
Cory Wood, Ryan Cundiff, Mallory Wood, Leah Buffin

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