

Mary Ann Diehl went to her heavenly home Easter day, March 27, 2016 at the Mercy Hospice Johnston in Johnston, Iowa

Mary Ann Willett, daughter of Edwin (Bud) and Esther Willett was born in Rock Island, Illinois on August 14, 1923. She spent her childhood there, along with her brother Richard and sister Barbara. After attending Augustana College, she joined the Women's Army Corps. Upon completion of her service, taking advantage of the GI Bill, she attended UCLA and the University of Iowa Law School, and was at that time one of only two women in the graduating class of 1950.

It was there she met her future husband, Robert H. Diehl. They married in 1949 and moved to Albert City Iowa following graduation to begin a successful law practice together. While serving as a State Representative, Robert passed away unexpectedly, and Mary Ann was left to raise three young children herself. She worked as an attorney for more than 50 years, with law firms in Albert City and Storm Lake, Iowa. Her remaining days were spent enjoying visits and trips with family and friends.

Mary Ann lived a life of service and care for others. She served in various positions of leadership including advisor to the Albert City town council, Our Savior's Lutheran Church board member, Grandview University Board of Trustees, National Council for the Lutheran Church of America, the national grievance committee for the Evangelical Lutheran of America and Lutheran Social Services of Iowa. She was recognized by the Iowa State Bar Association for 50 years in the practice of law in 2000. An advocate for those in need, Mary Ann "lived out" her walk with Christ, through her generous, yet humble spirit. Her many kindnesses and her quiet example of strength, courage and integrity were admired by all.

Left to celebrate her loving legacy is her children, Dick Diehl, Jim (Ellen) Diehl, and Susan (Jeff) Mitchell. Grandchildren include Julia (Brian) Allison and step great-grandchild Haylee, Sarah (Brett) Hatten and great-grandchild, Lillian, Drs. Evan (Dr. Ursula) Diehl, Melinda (1st Lieutenant Juan Pablo) Sanchez and Jessica Mitchell. Mary Ann is survived also by her sister Barbara Seyfarth, seven nieces and nephews, special lifelong friends Leone Buse and Helen Rasmussen, as well many other friends too numerous to mention. Preceding her in death was her husband Robert H. Diehl, parents, brother, Richard Willett, and daughter-in-law Dusty Diehl.

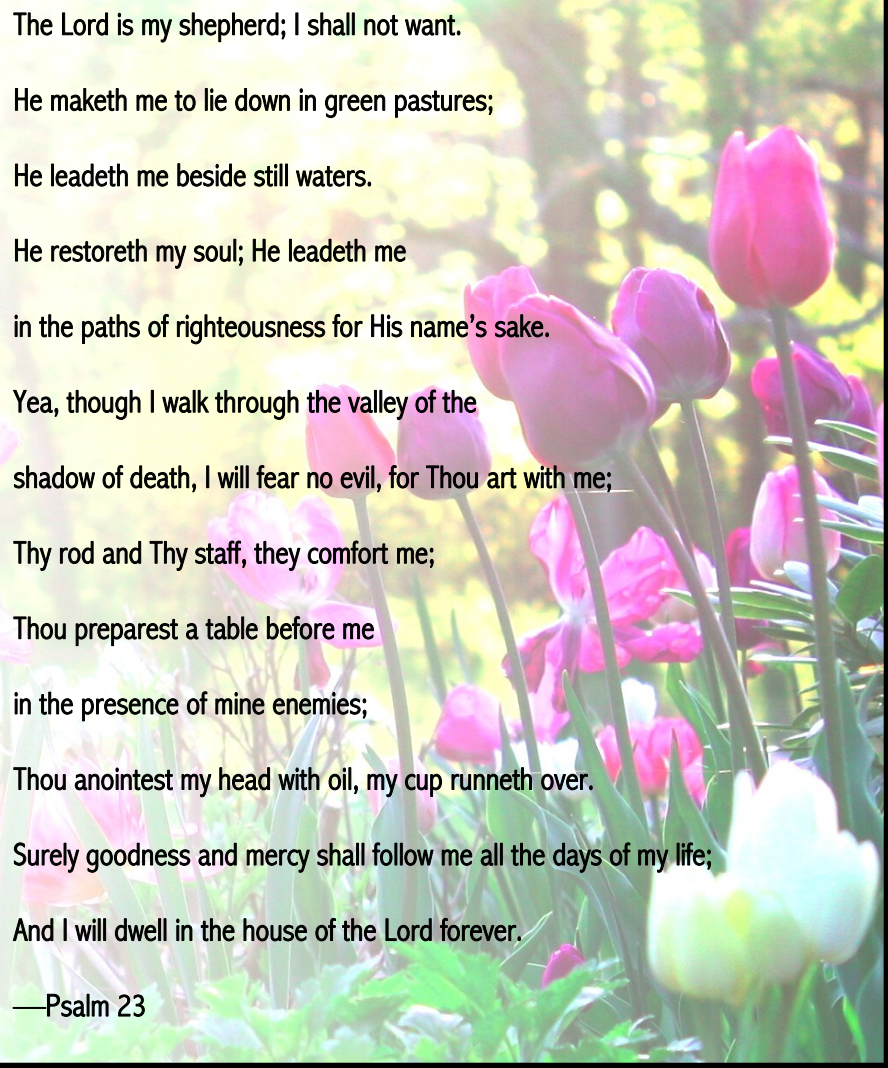
Perhaps poet James Weldon Johnson said it best, "Weep no more, weep no more. She's resting in the bosom of Jesus."

In Loving Memory



Mary Ann Diehl

1923 — 2016



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 sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— **The Family of Mary Ann Diehl**

IN MEMORY OF **Mary Ann Diehl**

August 14, 1923 — March 27, 2016

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church — Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor John Mayer

ORGANIST

Sonia Brown

SPECIAL READINGS

Julia Allison & Jessica Mitchell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sarah Hatten, Evan Diehl, Melinda Sanchez
"In The Garden"

SOLOIST

Sarah Hatten
"The Lord's Prayer"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"

CASKET BEARERS

Evan Diehl, Brett Hatten, James Peterson
Tom Peterson, David Willett, Janet Anderson

INTERMENT

Military Graveside Services by Albert City American Legion
Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa

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