

Dorothy Marie Skelton completed her life October 21, 2015 at Brendan House in Kalispell, MT. after a brief illness.

Dorothy was born February 5, 1917 to Minnie Grace Albright Stephenson in Webb, Iowa. She lived her younger years in Spencer, Iowa yet spent summers in Webb, Iowa with her beloved grandparents, George and Anne Albright. As a youth she loved roller skating and attending the youth group at the Baptist Church in Webb, Iowa. During her school years she was known as Dot, in reference to her diminutive size. She graduated from the Webb High School May 28, 1936.

She met her future husband, Raymond Skelton at the Baptist Church in Webb, Iowa. Her pleasant memory of their first date was being escorted to the church youth activity in a horse drawn sleigh. Another often told tale is double dating with the ladies riding in the rumble seat of Ray's father's car. They married January 27, 1939 in Chillicothe, MO. with beloved cousin Arlene as her bridesmaid. Ray and Dorothy were married 51 years prior to his passing in 1990.

During the earlier years of their marriage they farmed in northwest Iowa. Four of their children were born during this time, Donald Ray, Margaret Ann, Dale Allen and Jean Marie. Many of the subsequent years were spent in Albert Lea, MN. as Ray worked for Mays Electrical Engineering Labs. During this time Dorothy baked all the bread and tended a large garden for her children who did not appreciate supermarket food. In Albert Lea the family was completed with the addition of Janice Kay. In later years Dorothy worked as a bookkeeper while Ray managed the same motel in Rochester, MN. Always a good student, Dorothy enjoyed the challenge of the bookkeeping process. Dorothy's greatest joy was her children and family life. She enjoyed the ladies church clubs and Eastern Star. She was a proud member of Eastern Star for 54 years.

Dorothy eventually moved to Kalispell, MT. to be near family. She was very proud to reside in her own apartment to 98 years of age.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother Minnie Stephenson, husband Raymond Skelton, son Donald Skelton, daughter Jean Peterson and beloved brothers and sisters in-law. Dorothy is survived by daughters Janice (Larry) Brazda and Margaret (Charles) Green, son Dale Skelton and son-in-law Lee Peterson.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael (Missy) Skelton, Mark Skelton, Shari (Todd) Anderson, Michele (Chris) Nelson, Paul (Courtney) Peterson, Scott (Angie) Peterson, Adam (Natalie) Peterson, Kim Gustine, Melissa Walden, Mindi (Eric) Raby, Chris Brazda and Laura Brazda. Also surviving are 18 great-grandchildren.

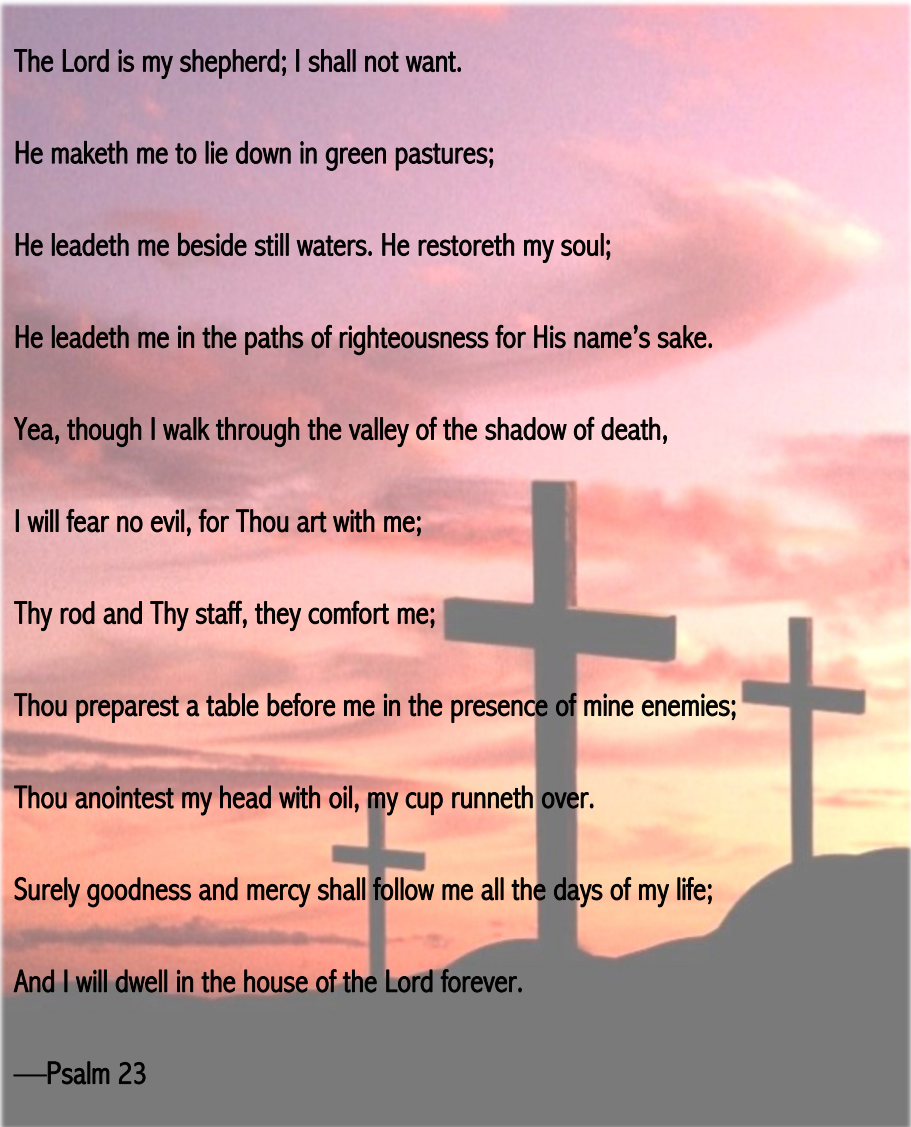
The family wishes to thank the staff at Brendan House for the excellent care administered by loving hands.

In Loving Memory



Dorothy M. Skelton

1917 — 2015



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 for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— **The Family of Dorothy Skelton**

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Marie Skelton

February 5, 1917 — October 21, 2015

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

First United Church

Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Curt Batschelet

PIANIST

Eloise Obman

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“In The Garden”

“Rock Of Ages”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

CASKET BEARERS

Scott Peterson, Paul Peterson, Adam Peterson

Jacob Anderson, Peter Anderson, Christopher Brazda

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery

Marathon, Iowa

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