

One Year To Live

*If I had but one year to live
One year to help, one year to give,
One year to love, one year to bless
One year of better things to stress;
One year to sing, one year to smile
To brighten earth a little while,
One year to sing my Master's praise
One year to fill with work my days;
One year to strive for a reward
When I should stand before my Lord,
I think that I would spend each day
In just the very selfsame way;
That I do now, for from afar
The call may come to cross the bar,
At anytime, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.
So if I have one year to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow-creature when in need;
'Tis one with me – I take no heed
But try to live each day He sends
To serve my gracious Master's ends.*



In Loving Memory Of

Constance "Connie" Bruins

September 11, 1930 - February 28, 2017



Constance (Wheeler) Bruins passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, North Dakota.

Constance was born to William and Essie (Arnold) Wheeler on September 11, 1930 in Berg, North Dakota. All her friends and family knew her as Connie.

She lived in the Keene, ND area until her marriage to Elmer Bruins. They made their home in Watford City. Through the first years of their marriage she was a stay at home mom. In mid 60's she started working outside the home. She worked for a short time at both the Good Shepherd Home and the McKenzie County Farmer local newspaper. She started her career in the McKenzie County Court House in the elected position as McKenzie County Clerk of Court. She retired from her career at court house after 26 years.

Connie loved to read, garden, singing and music, attending church and Bible studies, visiting, and was everyone's friend. Everyone called her their second mother, favorite aunt, best friend, or sister. She was the one her friends could confide in.

Connie and Elmer had four children: Calvin "Red", Vergil, Marilyn, and Stacy.

She is survived by two children, Calvin "Red" (Janice) Bruins, Billings, MT, daughter Marilyn (Clarence) Pierce, Watford City, ND; 8 grandchildren, Jody Bjorgum, Jason Hanig, Jeff Hanig, Jared Pierce, Jeff Pierce, Shelly Hall, Suzanne Olsen, and Sheri Rutschman; 26 great grandchildren, 13 great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer, two sons Vergil and Stacy, two grandsons, Jesse Pierce and LeRoy Pierce, and 12 brothers and sisters.

In Loving Memory *Constance Bruins*



Born to William & Essie Wheeler
September 11, 1930 ~ Berg, North Dakota

Returned To Her Heavenly Father
February 28, 2017 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service
11 am, Saturday, March 4, 2017
CrossPoint Wesleyan Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Jeff Ruggles

Music
Val Entzi - Vocalist
Kirk Rockeman & Ken Rockeman ~ Duet

Pallbearers
Dale Wagner Ricky Lawler
LeMoine Hartel Howdy Lawler
James Duckworth Carlyle Stenberg

Honorary Pallbearers
"All of Connie's extended family at Horizon"

Final Resting Place - Spring of 2017
Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Watford City
has been entrusted with arrangements