



The LORD is my Shepherd; He maketh me

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 & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Arever.
- Psalm 23

## CELEBRATING A LIFE

### **Dorothy Louise Berce**

Born to Fred & Tressie Monson

December 23, 1928 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

December 17, 2021 ~ Fargo, North Dakota

#### **Funeral Service**

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Williston, North Dakota

#### Officiating

Pastor David Maxfield

**Congregational Music** 

"Oh Shepherd Me Lord" & "The Old Rugged Cross"

#### Special Music

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" "Ava Maria"

Vocalist

Accompanist

Linda Clemes

Patricia Lund

#### **Pallbearers**

Brad Berce Tom Nester John Skorick Jr Kyle Frisinger Cole Frisinger Brendan Brazil

#### **Final Resting Place**

Riverview Cemetery ~ Williston, North Dakota

#### Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, North Dakota

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In Loving Memory Of

**Dorothy Berce** 

December 23, 1928 - December 17, 2021



Dorothy Louise (Monson) Berce entered heaven on December 17, 2021, in her home in Fargo, North Dakota, surrounded by family.

Dorothy was born in Williston, North Dakota, on December 23, 1928, in the home of a mid-wife, to Tressie (Bergh) Monson and Fred Monson. Dorothy was the eldest of five siblings. Dorothy was an honor student at Williston High School, and during High School, she worked in the office at the Harmon Park Pool with her sister, Beverly. Dorothy also worked for Snyder Theaters part-time for many years, where she met her future husband, Leonard Berce, after years of his persistently asking her out. After High School, Dorothy was employed with the Williams County Social Services for nearly forty years, retiring in 1990.

Dorothy advanced from secretary to human service program administrator during her lengthy career with Williams County Social Services. As human service program administrator, Dorothy was responsible for ensuring the welfare programs were accountable to state and federal standards and found the majority of funding for the programs. Dorothy was admired by her colleagues and quoted to be dependable, witty, caring, and authoritative.

Dorothy married Leonard Berce on July 19, 1953 at First Lutheran Church in Williston on a hot, 105degree day. Together, Dorothy and Leonard had four wonderful and caring children. Dorothy enjoyed ice skating, hosting hundreds of family meals, visiting her large extended family, and traveling. Dorothy was a decades long member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston performing thousands of hours of community service over her 80 plus years as a Williston resident. Dorothy also participated in a birthday club, meeting with other women on a monthly basis. After her husband, Leonard's passing in 2009, Dorothy moved to Fargo, North Dakota in 2012 to be closer to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also became a member of the Edgewood Vista Community in Fargo.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, Fred Monson, Sr.; mother, Tressie Monson; brother, Fred Monson, Jr.; sister, Beverly Snyder, and her husband, Leonard Berce. Survivors include her children, Lisa (Berce) Simon, Cynthia (Mike) Skorick, Sheri (Tom) Nester, and Bradford Berce; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Powell and Jackie Klimpel and several nieces and nephews.

# Loving Memory

Let not your Leart

be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many

if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.

my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

And you know the way to where

I am going.

John 14: 1-4