



### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to 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 and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*And I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever . . .*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

## **Virginia Arlene Kuipers**

June 3, 1933 - June 23, 2022

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:30 P.M.

Platte Christian Reformed Church Platte, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Drew Hoekema

Ushers, Brad Taylor and Doug Kuipers

Host and Hostess, Bob and Dorothy Kuipers

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

“Grace Alone” “Because He Lives”

“Ten Thousand Reasons”, Kara, Beckham and Quinn Groen - Video

“Amazing Grace” “Victory in Jesus”

Organist, Jan Van Zee

### **CASKET BEARERS**

Christopher Kuipers

Jeremy Kuipers

Trevor Overweg

Lexy Overweg

Ryan Groen

Austin Severson

Kara Groen

Kelsey Kuipers

Jenna Kuipers

Natalie Severson

Sarah Kuipers

### **HONORARY BEARERS**

Virginia's Great Grandchildren

### **INTERMENT**

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:00 P.M.

Platte City Cemetery Platte, South Dakota

*In remembrance, please turn on your headlights  
during the procession to the cemetery.*



*Mount Funeral Home is honored  
to be assisting the Kuipers family.*

Virginia Arlene (Shelbourn) Kuipers was born on June 3, 1933 to Adelbert and Adelia (Hobson) Shelbourn in Cherry County, west of Valentine, NE. Virginia lived a life of quiet perseverance and walked through life with all its joys and trials with a positive and non-complaining attitude and enjoyed keeping up and staying in contact with family and friends. Her life of perseverance included many things that would either make you bitter or better - such as being born during the depression, contracting polio at age 18 resulting in deafness in one ear and having to relearn how to walk. As you can see from the way she lived her life, she obviously chose to make it better. She was also a four-time cancer survivor (46-year breast cancer survivor).

She graduated high school in Todd County in 1950 and went on to attend Springfield Teachers College, becoming a teacher at age 17 teaching students almost her age. She taught in rural Todd County for six years, then at the urging of a good friend from Corsica, she accepted a position at the Corsica Christian Grade School. It was during that time she met the “love of her life”, Lloyd Kuipers on a blind date. Lloyd and Virginia were married on June 12, 1957 at the Lakeview Reformed Church and recently celebrated 65 years of marriage with a gathering of immediate family members.

Virginia was a faithful member of the Platte Christian Reformed Church for 65 years. She wasn't one for verbal sermons, but devotions at the table and a life of modeling Christ's unconditional love for us was the norm. She loved cooking and was VERY good at it. She would always “tweak” the recipes to perfect them and “experiment” on immediate family members to see if it would meet the accepted standards. Sunday family dinners were a tradition up until a couple weeks ago. She baked and decorated cakes, including some wedding cakes for family and each of the kids remember special cakes for their birthdays. Ceramics at Virginia's was a fond memory of many in the community, she was known for her ability to “make the eyes look good”.

She loved to travel, having visited over 36 states. Virginia would plan family vacations doing research and in later years if family members were away, she appreciated being informed so she could follow along on her atlas the routes taken and sights seen.

Her love for plants, gardening and flowers came through in the flower arrangements she created for their home and at church. Lloyd and Virginia took pride in growing some of the best sweet corn around the country; they loved giving the corn to family and others, not wanting any to go to waste.

Virginia also was a willing volunteer for Platte Christian and Dakota Christian School, the hospital auxiliary and a Gems Counselor at church.

Virginia Arlene Kuipers, 89, of Platte, SD passed away Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD.

Grateful for having shared in Virginia's life are: her husband, Lloyd Kuipers of Platte, SD; three children: Lee Ray (Donna) Kuipers of Rapid City, SD, Karla (Ken) Overweg of Platte, SD and Gary Kuipers of Platte, SD; nine grandchildren: Chris Kuipers, Jeremy (Sarah) Kuipers, Kelsey Kuipers, Jenna Kuipers, Kara (Ryan) Groen, Trevor Overweg, Lexy Overweg, Austin Severson and Natalie Severson; nine great-grandchildren: Owen Kuipers, Remi Kuipers, Piper Kuipers, Charlie Kuipers, Elliot Kuipers, Natalie Kuipers, Carter Kuipers, Beckham Groen and Quinn Groen; a brother, Robert (Sandra) Shelbourn of Lincoln, NE; two sisters-in-law: Marilyn and Shirley Shelbourn; in-laws: Gerald (Vonnice) Kuipers, Joann and Marie Kuipers; along with many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by: her parents, Adelbert and Adelia Shelbourn; two brothers: Leslie Shelbourn and Dennis Shelbourn; a sister, Delores Taylor; parents-in-law: Albert (Dena) Kuipers; in-laws: Henry A. (Betty) Kuipers, Nina Kuipers, Adeline Kuipers, Harm (Bertha) Kuipers, Marion (Allis ) Hansum, George Kuipers, infant Bertha Kuipers and Marion Kuipers.

Memorials in Virginia's memory may be directed to: Dougherty Hospice House Foundation, Platte Health Center Avera - Go Pink Fund, Platte Christian Reformed Church, or Dakota Christian School.



*In Loving Memory*