



Our Departed Mother

She always leaned to watch for us
Anxious if we were late
In winter, by the window,
In summer by the gate,
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home
would seem more safe,
Because she waited there.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget,
And so I think that where she is,
She must be waiting yet.
Waiting, till we come to her,
Anxious if we are late,
Watching from heaven's window
Leaning from heaven's gate.

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
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 *forever.*
- Psalm 23

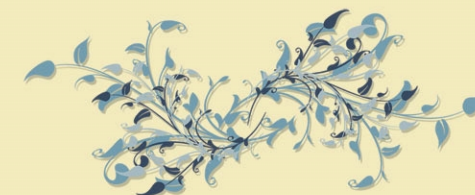


In Loving Memory Of



Annie Laura Franz

April 11, 1933 - July 19, 2017



Annie Laura Franz

Date & Place of Birth

April 11, 1933 ~ Enterprise, AL

Date & Place of Passing

July 19, 2017 ~ Sidney, MT

Funeral Services

2:00 P.M., Friday, July 28, 2017

Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, MT

Officiating

Pastor Joel Westby

Pastor Alton Hillesland

Music

Diane Beirwagen

Casketbearers:

Jeremy Klempel Jason Klempel

Joey Klempel James Franz

Arlon Franz Kyle McMillen

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Annie's many friends and family

Ushers

Solly Danks Wes Coon

Jerry McMillen

Interment

Brorson Cemetery

Sidney, Montana

**Lunch will be served in the church
fellowship hall following graveside services**

*You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures
with the family at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home*

Website: www.fulkersons.com

Annie "Ann" Laura Franz passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2017 surrounded by family at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney, MT following a few short stays due to deteriorating health.

Ann was born April 11, 1933 in Enterprise, AL, the Boll Weevil Monument Town, to Ira L. and Annie "Dovie" (Horsley) Adkins. Her grandfather Adkins farm was in the center of what during WWII became and is still Fort Rucker in Alabama. Annie's family lived and worked in cotton mills and lived in cotton mill villages in south eastern Alabama until moving to Ft. Mead, FL in 1944 when she was 11 years old. There she finished grade school and high school. Her graduating class of 1952 became a very close-knit class from then on and she returned home to Florida to attend several of the reunions.

In 1955 Ann, on a blind date, met a recently discharged White Hat from the US Navy originally from Sidney, MT, Ray Franz. The two were married on St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 1956, in the Church of God in Ft. Mead, FL.

Later that year they moved to Sidney, MT where Ray worked on the family farm as well as construction. They returned to Florida in 1957, to work in phosphate mining and construction. When the recession ended the work there in 1958, they returned once again to Sidney, MT, where they purchased the family farm and began a lifetime of farming and ranching. On March 17th of this year they celebrated 61 years of wedded "bliss".

Together they raised 3 boys and 2 girls. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her heart and soul.

Ann is survived by: her husband, Ray; her children, Patricia A. (Steve) Bright, Sidney, MT, Jon A. Franz, Sidney, MT, Janice (Jerry) Klempel, Lambert, MT, David A. (Liz) Franz, Wibaux, MT, Kenneth L. (Lynn) Franz, Lewistown, MT; her grandchildren, Jeremy Klempel, Jason Klempel, Joseph Klempel, Shana (Franz) Brophy, JaNae (Klempel) Sansaver, Julie (Franz) Walz, Melissa (Franz) Kostelecky, Brittany Bright, James Franz, Laura Franz, Annie Franz, Michaela Bright, Hannah Franz; and 17 great-grandchildren with 3 more to arrive before the summer ends.

Ann is preceded in death by: an infant brother; her mother and father; her mother and father-in-law, Fred and Ethel Franz; her sister, Geraldine "Jerry" (Adkins) Coleman; great-granddaughter, Sienna Rogers; brothers, James Adkins and Homer Adkins; her "special sister" (sister-in-law), JoAnn Franz; and sister-in-law Leona (Franz) Gibson.

