



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.*

Gina Ledahl

Date and Place of Birth

August 26, 1912

Noonan, North Dakota

Date and Place of Passing

June 4, 2010

Williston, North Dakota

HER FUNERAL SERVICE

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

One-thirty, PM

OFFICIANT

Rev. Gary D. Benson

MUSIC

Michelle Lux, Musician

LeRoy Benson, Sound

CASKET BEARERS

Gene Emery

Steve Joraanstad

Duane McNary

Hardy Friedrichsmeyer

James Leo

Steve Hughes

Mark McGinley

Richard Moule

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Gina's Loving Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Everson Funeral Home

Williston, North Dakota

Gina was born August 26, 1912 to Ole and Sarah (Amundstad) Joraanstad, Norwegian immigrants who homesteaded near Noonan, North Dakota. From the time she was a little girl, she knew she wanted to be a teacher. She often lined up her four siblings in the loft in the barn to play school. Recognizing how much she loved school, her parents sent her to boarding school at Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo. She graduated as valedictorian at age 17.

The 1929 stock market crash ended her plans to attend Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and instead she earned a teaching degree from Minot Teachers College. She taught several years in country schools in the Noonan area. On July 2, 1939, she married Linder Ledahl of Noonan. They moved to Williston in 1944.

Gina taught elementary school for 29 years, 20 of which were at Lewis & Clark School in Williston. While at Lewis & Clark, she returned to college to finish her bachelor's degree, studying in evening classes at the college in Williston and spending summers at Minot. One year she was named Teacher of the Year in Williston.

While living at Bethel Lutheran Home, she particularly enjoyed visits from former students. When summing up her life, she always mentioned she was fortunate to have loved teaching so much because it gave her the opportunity to serve. Teaching children was her passion.

An active member of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church from the 1940s, she sang and played piano and worked with Ladies Aid and Circle. Later, she helped to start Light of Christ Lutheran Church, and the church named her Mother of the Year in 1999.

She belonged to Women of Life, Women's Civic League, and the Retired Teachers' Association. For several years, she served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. She was also a member of the Williston Community Library Board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Linder, who died in 1993, and by all her siblings.

She is survived by her three daughters, Sara Friedrichsmeyer of Cincinnati, Ohio; Sandra Hughes of Polson, Montana; and Loreen Leo of Seattle, WA; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Since she was a teacher who loved learning her entire life, her family would appreciate that memorials go to the Williston Community Library or the Williston Coyote Foundation.

Friends may visit www.eversonfh.com to share remembrances of Gina.

In Memory of *Gina Ledahl*



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