



Delores Otten

October 22, 1927 - July 18, 2023

Delores Otten, age 95, passed away, July 18, 2023 at the Centerville Care and Rehab Center, Centerville, SD.

Delores Mae Bossman was born on October 22, 1927 near Lennox, SD, the daughter of Tom J. and Mattie (Wolthuis) Bossman. She grew up here attending country school and then graduated from Lennox High School in 1945. She went on to earn a teacher's certificate from Eastern State Teacher's College in Madison, SD and began teaching one room country school at age 17, for several years.

On January 20, 1950, she was united in marriage to Orville O. Otten at the Germantown parsonage. The couple made their home briefly in Sioux Falls before moving to Lennox in 1951. Delores was a devoted wife and mother who deeply loved her family. Husband, Orville died on December 19, 2003. Delores was an active and faithful member of Germantown Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school, VBS and held offices in the Germantown WIC and Siouxland Presbytery WIC. She was also the Germantown Church Historian and editor of the church newsletter. Delores volunteered at and was on the advisory board of the Lennox Good Samaritan Center for several years. She volunteered at the Lennox Day Center for 23 years and had been a Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a member of and volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels, at the Lennox Senior Citizens. Delores was a member of the Lennox Historical Society and served as an election poll worker for many years. In her spare time she enjoyed reading

books, knitting, puzzles and had a large miniature shoe collection. Delores also sang for decades in a ladies trio with her best friends Dorothy "Dots" DeVries and Doris Bousfield.

Besides her parents and husband, Delores was preceded in death by all of her siblings: Marvin Bossman, Alvin Bossman, Vernon Bossman and Lucille Fischer.

Grateful for having shared her life are her sons: Delmer (Kathy) Otten, Tea and Orvin (Evelyn) Otten, Ankeny, IA; six grandchildren: Danae (Brian) Chapman, Dustin (Amy) Otten, Kayleen Otten, Amy Otten, Tony (Mary) Otten and Greg (Kerrie) Otten; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Dianne Bossman, Canton, Lowane Bossman, Lennox, Lois Thomas, Sioux Falls and brother-in-law, Walter Otten, Canistota, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 22 at Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor, SD, with burial to follow in the Germantown Cemetery. Visitation, with the family present, also at Germantown Presbyterian Church, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 21.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ On behalf of the boys and me, We all wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and sorry to hear of the lose of your mom. We have fond memories of her.

Myrna David Douglas and Rick - July 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all!
Delores is shining down from heaven



Mary Askew - July 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Delores was a classmate of my mother Thelma Nordman and also her neighbor for many years.

JIM AND PATRICIA KOERNER - July 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Deepest sympathy to all who loved Delores. She was a beautiful lady. A donation to Orphan Grain Train has been made in her honor. <https://www.ogt.org/>
Katie, Sara and Janet Fett Wictor.

Janet Fett - July 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about Deloris. I have so many great and wonderful memories of her, especially all she did when we were at Germantown. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Barb Stormo (Javers)



Barb (Javers) Stormo - July 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM