



Lorretta Dykstra

October 29, 1935 - June 12, 2010

Lorretta Mouw was born on October 29, 1935, the daughter of Arthur and Jeanette (Hyink) Mouw, near Newkirk, Iowa. She grew up and attended school there graduating from Newkirk High in 1953. She continued her education at Northwestern where she received her teaching certificate. In the 1970's she returned to the University of South Dakota and earned her Bachelor's degree in education. She taught school in Canton and Hurley. In 1972 she began teaching middle school at Parker until retiring in 1996. On March 26, 1957 she was united in marriage to Norman Dykstra in Alton, Iowa. Following their marriage they lived in Canton and moved to Lennox in 1962. Norman died on November 11, 2006. His death ended a marriage union of over 49 years. Lorretta was a faithful member of Second Reformed Church in Lennox and the Lennox American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, canning, feeding and watching birds. Her family, friends and students will remember her kindness, soft heartedness and devotion. Beside her parents and husband, Lorretta was preceded in death by one grandson Eric Dykstra and one brother Arthur Raymond Mouw. Following a courageous battle with cancer, Lorretta died, Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne, Minnesota. She attained the age of 74 years, seven months and 13 days. Grateful for having shared her life are one daughter and her husband, Noreen and Ron Bos of Hills, Minnesota; one son: Dale Dykstra of Marion, Texas; three grandchildren: Christine Dykstra, Jacob and Caleb Bos; six sisters: Betty (Don) Pekelder, Gun Lake, MI, Irene Kruger, Lake Park,

IA, Bernice Van Zyl, St. Paul, MN, Lorraine (Loren) Eickoff, Grinnell, IA, Sharon (Russell) Doorenbos, Boyden, IA and Ardis (Fred) Grein, Sheldon, IA; plus several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services will begin 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at II Reformed Church, Lennox with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation will begin at noon Tuesday with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m. at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Lorretta's Family:
I met both Norman and Lorretta while she and I were doing our chemo treatments at Sanford a few years ago. 2006, I believe. Both they, and Noreen were kind enough to visit with me and Noreen and Norman brought me lunch a few times while Lorretta and I were getting our chemo.*

*My deepest sympathy to your loss of both Norman and Lorretta.
God bless you.*

Jean Blomgren - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Noreen and family, I so deeply express my sympathy at the loss of your mother. I know these past years have been both a time of reflection for you and also a living hell, as you had to deal with the illnesses of both of your parents in such a short span of time. It's said that He never gives you more (to handle) than what you can, but I say "enough already". After things settle down from this most recent devastation, I pray that you will find peace and finally be able to take a few minutes for yourself.*

Connie VanGarven - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family. Lorretta was a great person and will be missed.*

Dennis Tolliver - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM