

# Dorothy Louise Lockwood

July 22, 1938 – June 21, 2015



Memorial service for Dorothy Louise Lockwood, 76, will be held at Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland on Monday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. Internment will follow at the Wheatland Cemetery. Reverend Joshua Bruns will officiate both services.

Surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, Dorothy was welcomed by her Savior Jesus Christ and joined her husband, Merlyn Richard Lockwood, in Heaven on Sunday, June 21 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Dorothy was born on July 22, 1938 in Eaton, Colo. the daughter of Jake George and Mollie (Ruff) Schafer. Her family farmed in the Eaton and Windsor, Colorado areas where she attended elementary and middle school. They later moved to Fort Collins, Colo. where Dorothy graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1956. Following high school she attended nursing college in Lacrosse, Wis. While home visiting family, she met Merlyn on a blind-date. It was love at first sight, and they were married the following year on Aug. 17, 1958.

Following their marriage, Dorothy worked nights as a nursing assistant at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, where Merlyn found his first teaching position, and later in Wheatland, where they moved in 1964. Dorothy initially worked at the Platte County Hospital and later began a 27-year career with the newly established Tri-County Head Start program. As an employee, Dorothy was well known for her storytelling and teaching, but most notably for encouraging parental involvement. In 1992 she was awarded the Parent Involvement Coordinator of the Year for the State of Wyoming from the Wyoming Head Start Association. She was also honored as a recipient of the 1000 Points of Light Presidential Award.

Dorothy was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and a charter member of Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland. There she served when called on numerous committees and as a

council member. She was a faithful Christian her entire life, and touched many lives through the power of Christ.

Dorothy will be remembered by her loved ones for her perpetually open home, welcoming attitude, and delicious home-cooked meals. Everyone was family to her once she knew them – she lived by the idea that “strangers are just friends yet unmet”. Dorothy loved to travel with her husband, Merlyn; they visited every state in the United States and many countries

around the world, immersing themselves joyfully in the unique cultures they encountered. She enjoyed playing bridge and other card games, and met many life-long friends through this hobby. Above all, she was a dedicated, devoted wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirlee Lois Barrett; her brothers, James William and Oliver LeRoy; her parents, Jake and Mollie Schafer; and her husband, Merlyn, on Mar. 15, 2015.

She is survived by her children, Ryan Richard Lockwood of Ferndale, Wash., Lisa Louise Lockwood of Ferndale, Wash., James Oliver Lockwood of Wheatland, and Laura Lyn (Tom) Lewis of Firestone, Colo. She is also survived by brother-in-law, Donald (Joan) Barrett of Fort Collins, Colo.; nieces, Donna Markley of Fort Collins, Colo. and Linda Miller of Smithville, Mo.; nephew, Steve (Lori) Barrett of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many other beloved family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to the Wheatland Early Childhood Center, 28 Rompoon Road, Wheatland, WY 82201 or Covenant Lutheran Church, 1850 South Street, Wheatland, WY 82201.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland, Wyoming is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com)