

## *ALL IS WELL*

*Death is nothing at all.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.*

*I am I, and you are you.*

*Whatever we were to each other,  
that we still are.*

*Call me by my old familiar name.  
Speak to me in the easy way which  
you always used.*

*Put no difference in your tone,  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at  
the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile think of me and if you want to,  
pray for me.*

*Let my name be ever the household  
word that it always was,*

*Let it be spoken without effect,  
Without the trace of a shadow on it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.*

*It is the same as it ever was;  
There is unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind  
because I am out of sight?*

*I am waiting for you, for an interval,  
Somewhere very near, just around the corner.*

*All is well.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Bernice Mae Shae***

October 8, 1932 - December 28, 2018



Bernice was born October 8, 1932 on the family farm at Battleview, ND to Clarence N. and Bertha (Rasmussen) Estby, the fourth of five children. She received her education at Battleview. In 1950 she moved to Milwaukee where she worked in a factory assembling components for weather balloons. In 1952 she and her uncle, Walter and cousin, Clarice went to Coalinga, CA where Bernice stayed with her sister, Harriet and husband, Lon for part of the winter, seeing the sights and taking it easy. She and Clarice moved to Santa Maria where they had an apartment and Bernice waitressed in a truck stop. In 1953 they traveled to New York and took in all the sights and made many friends. She returned to North Dakota in 1954 due to her dad not being well. She got a job in Williston at Wong's Café where she met her first husband, Rodric G. Belgarde. They married July 26, 1954 and two children were born to them. They lived in Tioga, at her parent's farm in the second house, and then moved to Williston in 1957. Bernice worked at Ditsworth's Charcoal Grille. They divorced in 1963. She had met John Shae, Sr. and his mother, Margaret Britton, and together they purchased the Charcoal Grille in 1965. John and Bernice married on October 3, 1966. One child was born to them. They sold the café in 1972 and bought a dairy farm where they milked 40 cows twice a day for seven years. That was Bernice's favorite job. John passed away in 1991. She was later the assistant Food Services Director at the Kensington in Williston for 17 years, with the last 9 of those being the Food Services Director.

She was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2005 but maintained her independence up until 2009 when she moved into the Briarwood. While there, she made great friends with the cook who would let her help out, utilizing her amazing cooking and baking talents. Even after she moved into Bethel Home due to her declining health, she continued to be involved with cooking, being on the Resident Food Council. She was a member of the Muddy Valley Homemakers from 1968 until they disbanded in 2011, and Jehovah's Witnesses. Her interests other than her family included cooking and baking, needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cards, 6-5-4, music, gardening, and growing flowers.

She was preceded in death by both parents; brother, Kermit Estby; sisters, Mavis (Grover) Augustine and Harriet (Lon) Judd; granddaughter, Jodi Belgarde; step-daughter, Cynthia Shae Andre and step-grandson, Clancy John Andre.

She is survived by her daughter; Karolee 'Kell' Belgarde (Allen) Ferrell of Alamo, ND; her sons, Rocky (Nyle) Belgarde of Williston and Jerry Shae of Williston; sister, Kaye (Bill) Schnock of Diamond Bar, CA; sister-in-law, Berget Estby of Portland, OR; step-daughter, Sandra Shae Horob and friend Dan of Minot, ND; four grandsons, six granddaughters, two great-grandsons, four great-granddaughters, six nephews, three nieces and special cousin Clarice Sanders, as well as many extended family members and friends who miss her already.

We would like to thank the Legacy and Harmony floors at BLN&RC as well as the Therapy department for their love and devotion shown to mom during her stay there (some of you, even more so...you know who you are.) We were amazed by your outpouring of love for her after her passing.

## ***In Loving Memory Bernice Mae Shae***

***Born to Clarence and Bertha Estby***

October 8, 1932  
Battleview, North Dakota

***Date & Place of Passing***

December 28, 2018  
Williston, North Dakota

***Celebration Of Life Service***

Saturday ~ August 17, 2019, 2:00 PM  
Retreat Center at Upper Missouri Valley Ministry  
Rural Epping, North Dakota

***Officiating***

Madison Shae

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Bernice's Special Grandchildren

***Final Resting Place***

Riverview Cemetery  
Williston, North Dakota

***Arrangements By***

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Williston, North Dakota