

In Loving Memory Of Hilde Welke

Born to Jacob & Marie Schafer
July 17, 1928 ~ Darmstadt, Germany

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
November 23, 2025 ~ Caddo, Oklahoma

Funeral Services

11:00 AM on Monday, December 15, 2025
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Sidney, Montana

Leading the Service

Brittany Bryant & Allison Nickles

Pallbearers

Brett Schafer	Mitch Nickles	Mike Rose
Garrett Schafer	Lance Schafer	
Justin Karst	Jason Benhardt	Bryne Rich

Honorary Pallbearers

Jaden Schafer	Kolby Benhardt	
Dillion Karst	Cameron Karst	Aaron Franz

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art" ~ Sung by Amy Karst

Final Resting Place

Fairview Cemetery ~ East Fairview, North Dakota

Arrangements By

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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
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 & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



I N L O V I N G *Memory* Hilde Welke

July 17, 1928 - November 23, 2025





Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

*There is perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;*

*I am now at peace forever,
safely home in Heaven at last.*

~ Winston Porter



Hilde Schafer Welke was born July 17, 1928, in Darmstadt, Germany to parents Marie and Jacob Schafer. She met the love of her life in 1955, a United States service man, Lloyd "Honey" Welke, and on July 27, 1959, they married in Karlsruhe, Germany. One month later, they moved to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, leading Hilde to obtain her official United States citizenship in 1961, and in 1966 the happy couple moved to Sidney, Montana. Between 1971-1993, Hilde and Lloyd took care of 106 children in their home daycare. After her retirement from childcare, she enjoyed having coffee and chatting with her friends, church members, and neighbors.

Hilde loved food, and when she was with her nephew, Hans, they would eat at Golden Corral "That Good Steak Place," as she called it, or a Chinese Buffet. She loved a good mushroom burger, Taco Tuesday, and to cook for her family, with one of her staples being potato dumplings that had to be swimming in gravy. She loved red roses, and if you ever received flowers from her, it was going to be those! She also loved camping, gardening, growing flowers, and crocheting blankets and towels. Most of all, Hilde loved going on a girl's road trip back to the place she loved the most to see her dear friends, Val and Gail, and others that have now passed on, whom she all loved very much.

In 2018, Hilde moved to Caddo, Oklahoma to be closer to family, where she continued her blanket and towel crocheting, with a grand total of 2,678 beautiful creations being made!

Everyone got a crocheted treasure, whether it be a member of the church or a stranger on the street- Hilde would make them and the family would distribute them. Hilde had the biggest heart, loved her family and friends more than anything, and loved to help children in other countries that potentially went without.

Hilde is survived by her beloved nephew, Hans Schafer and wife Reba of Caddo; God son, Cameron Karst of Fairview; numerous great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and nephews; great-great-great nephews, Draxxin Snow, and Jettson Nickles; great-great-great niece, Lakelyn Benhardt, who she called, "My Little Princess." She is also survived by special friends, Don and Val Franz of Sidney, and Gail Walla of Crane.

Hilde is preceded in death by parents Jacob and Marie Schafer; her husband of 34 years, Lloyd Welke; her three sisters, Anna Schafer, Freida Schafer, and Lina Simonis.

Hilde is finally in the place she has wanted to be which is with her Heavenly Father, family, friends, and her Honey.

