

LOUISE SAUTER

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When Louise's family met a few nights ago to decide on a cover for the bulletin for today's service, they chose the one with flowers because if there were flowers available in her garden or occasionally, she even picked wild flowers, she tried to have flowers at the Church for Sunday worship. Also, the verse seems appropriate "In my House are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you". She always seemed to be preparing a place for someone. While she was taking care of the Church she would often remark, "I feel God's House should be clean and ready for anyone who wants or needs it". She spent many hours at the cemetery tending to the graves that had not been cared for because no family members were around to do it.

Within the family circle Louise was the one who offered to help in any time of need. She traveled many miles - to California when a sister had a stroke - to Saskatoon when a brother-in-law had a heart attack - to Rochester when a nephew had a kidney transplant - or just a few blocks with soup and bread pudding for a widowed sister trying to adjust to living alone - to a brother and his son when they lost Mabel. She seemed to know where she was most needed.

Many of her nieces and nephews have quilts that she made during the winter months and when the next generation came along, she, she was kept busy making Patchwork Christmas stockings for those little ones.

Now she is at rest and we are happy for her, but a large empty spot remains in the hearts of all of us: sisters, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, whose lives have been enriched by having shared them with her.

(NOTE: The original of this is in Mom's album. It did not scan well. It was written on green paper; it was decades old. I've retyped it; I changed font and a few punctuation edits. If you want the original, let me know and I'll copy it for you, - Linda, 2020)