

Catherine Claassen Schultz Quenzer

Memorial Service

August 31, 2013

2:00 PM, Swiss Church, Whitewater, Kansas

Pastor James T. Bartsch, Officiant. Ruth Seth, Accompanist

Welcome

Prayer - Pastor Rod Bevan

498 "It Is Well With My Soul" - Congregation

"He Is With Us" - Stephanie, Michael, and Staci Schultz

Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:5-9, 14-18

Psalm 116:15

Psalm 73:23-26

John 14:1-6

"My Tribute" - Amira Coleman

Obituary

Reminiscences

435 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - Congregation

Message: "A Biblical Tribute"

43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Congregation

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

(Slide Show before and after the service - Stephanie Schultz)

Catherine C. Quenzer

November 4, 1915 – August 23, 2013

Catherine C. Quenzer, 97, went home to heaven Fri., Aug. 23, 2013, at Victoria Falls Nursing Home, Andover, Kan., after a short illness. She was born Nov. 4, 1915, the eighth child to Henry and Marie (Hamm) Claassen in Paso Robles, Calif. She grew up in the Willow Creek farm enclave, where she attended German grade school. She helped her father with the family orchards and dairy cows and shared school books with her mother in order to help her learn English. She received Christ as her savior as a teenager. She was the first in her family to earn a high school diploma.

After working in Los Angeles for several years, she married Abraham H. Schultz on Aug. 8, 1939, at the Willow Creek Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, Calif. The couple had six children: Kenneth, Ruth, Esther, Alvin, Richard and Donald. With her minister husband, she served in Mennonite churches in Henderson, Neb., Quakertown, Penn., Mt. Lake, Minn., Richfield, Penn., and Steinbach, Manitoba. She was an excellent children's teacher and was often asked to speak at women's meetings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Abe Schultz, on Aug. 27, 1967. Before his death, she promised him she would "make a home for the boys."

She worked as the reception and mailroom supervisor and switchboard operator at Grace Bible Institute (now Grace University) in Omaha, Neb., from 1968 to 1984, where many students called her "Mom." A hardworking and independent person, she renovated her house to create rental apartments on the second floor and basement. She traveled many places, including Alaska, Australia and California, in order to visit her family and children.

She married Paul Quenzer in 1984 in Kalispell, Mont. They lived in Bellingham, Wash., where he pastored a church. Upon retirement, they moved to Seattle, Wash. She had two stepsons, Tim Quenzer and wife Kim of Monroe, Wash., and Mark Quenzer and wife Collette of Lynnwood, Wash. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Quenzer, on March 17, 2005.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Gertrude Claassen, Marie Claassen, Agathe Lichti, Bertha Lichti and Emily Toevs; two brothers, Ernest Claassen and Eric Claassen; and her son, Ken.

Survivors include sons Al Schultz and wife Bonnie of Albion, Ind., Rich Schultz and wife Debby of Arlington, Wash., Don Schultz and wife Diann of Benton, Kan.; daughters Ruth Seth and husband Bob of Liberal, Kan., and Esther Bartsch and husband Jim of Cottonwood Falls, Kan.; daughter-in-law Bette Schultz of Kalispell, Mont.; 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing of the body will take place prior to memorial services at 2 p.m. Sat., Aug. 31, at Swiss Church, Whitewater, Kan. The Rev. Jim Bartsch will preside. Arrangements made by Lamb Funeral Home, Whitewater, Kan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Courage Homes, an aftercare home for rescued, trafficked girls in India, www.couragehomes.org, SIM USA, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC, 28241. Make checks payable to "SIM USA."

The Weaver

My Life is but a weaving
between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors
He worketh steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the under side.

Not til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives His very best to those
Who leave the choice with Him.

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In Memoriam

November 4, 2015 – August 23, 2013