

Eulogy—continued

Greta's family would like to thank Sylvia Dubeczy and the staff and her friends at Diamond Jubilee Court, her Home Care aides and Meals on Wheels volunteers, the staff at Last Mountain Pioneer Home and Watrous Manitou Lodge, Dr. Choudhary and Dr. Adebayo, and all of her extended family and friends who have supported her over the years with compassion and love. Never underestimate the power of even the simplest act of kindness.

As an artist or photographer captures images with a brush or camera, Greta captured images with her words. She was a woman of quiet, steadfast faith in God, and along with her husband Ralph, provided a secure and happy home for her family. May God bless to us the memory of Greta Hawes.

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### *The Farmers Autumn*

*Written by Greta Hawes*

*The early morning sun streams  
across the dewdrops on the lawn.*

*The day begins with promises.*

*The fields once waving green  
are ribboned now with yellow swaths.*

*The farmer does not mind the burning heat of noonday,  
the field lunches, the greasy hands nor  
the tired feet.*

*He watches the sky.*

*He listens to the forecast.*

*He waves to his neighbor passing by*

*Their mutual joy—the humming  
of a combine*

*and the grinding gears  
of a loaded truck.*

*The pale dusk of evening covers the land  
at an earlier hour now.*

*Long after the sun has set  
and the stars twinkle overhead,  
the farmer works on.*

*The crop is heavy.*

*The bins stand waiting.*

*His hopes are high.*

*The lights from the house gleam brightly.*

*The hallowed ground of home  
secure once more.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Greta Hawes*

*October 17, 1922 — August 19, 2019*



*“I Will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord...”*

*Psalm 121:1-2*

## ***Funeral Service***

to remember the life of

### ***Greta Hawes***

Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church

Watrous, SK, 2:00 pm, August 24, 2019

### ***ORDER OF SERVICE***

Prelude	Picture Tribute
Processional	
Welcome & Prayer	Darren Holland
Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"	Congregation
Eulogy	Audrey Eby
Special Music: "Saved by Grace"	Quartet
Tribute	Daughters
Tribute	Grandchildren
Hymn: "It is Well with My Soul"	Congregation
Meditation	Darren Holland
Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"	Congregation
Special Music: "Beyond the Sunset"	Quartet
Prayer	Darren Holland
Recessional	

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| <b>Pastor:</b>              | Pastor Darren Holland                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Song Leader</b>          | Quartet                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Pianist</b>              | Brenda Bowman                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Special Music</b>        | Quartet—Wayne Dick, Ruben Bushman,<br>Lester Toews, Fred Toman                                                                                            |
| <b>Pallbearers</b>          | <i>Four Grandsons:</i> Joel Bender,<br>Michael Cadamia, Ryan Cadamia, Jesse Dentz<br><i>Two Nephews:</i> John Knutson, Donald Shantz                      |
| <b>Honorary Pallbearers</b> | <i>Five Granddaughters:</i> Kendra Bender,<br>Janelle Cadamia, Terri-Lynn Dentz,<br>Bonny Griffith, Georgia Griffith                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Rick Toman, Keith Siemens                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Memorial Table</b>       | Janice Dick—Donations will go to the ministry of<br>Mennonite Central Committee and Philadelphia<br>Mennonite Brethren Church (Benevolent or Deacon Fund) |

**The family** thank you for your prayers and support during this time and invite you to stay for a fellowship lunch which will be served in the basement after the service.

**Arrangements** by Fotheringham McDougall Funeral Service, Watrous, Saskatchewan

## ***Eulogy***

### **Greta Hawes**

October 17, 1922—August 19, 2019

Greta was the second of ten children born to Clarence and Mary (Snider) Burkhart. She grew up on the family farm SW of Guernsey and often spoke of the happy, carefree days of childhood. Early education was at Waterloo; a one-room country school. When polio interrupted her life at the age of 14, her father was determined that she complete her education and train in a profession suitable to her circumstances. She completed grade 12 intending to enter secretarial training; however, on a word of encouragement from her high school principal, she decided to become a teacher; a decision she never regretted. She taught in several rural schools.

In 1951, Greta married Ralph Hawes of Guernsey. After a honeymoon in Banff, they settled on the Hawes farm and were blessed with five daughters:

Carolyn (Kenneth) Bender and children Joel and Kendra of Regina, SK

Vivian Cadamia and children Michael (Ryan Santin), Ryan (Robyn) and their two children Gracie and Lorelai, and Janelle of Vancouver, BC

Margaret Hawes of Prince George, BC

Beverley (Thomas) Griffith and children Bonny and Georgia of Prince George, BC

Iris (Robert) Dentz and children Terri-Lynn and Jesse of Brockville, ON

Greta found pleasure in being a homemaker and participating in community events. She had a strong faith and was an active member of Sharon Mennonite Church. She enjoyed working with the 4-H Club when her girls were involved, volunteering at the Gift and Thrift Store in Lanigan, and participating in the Carlton Trail Writers Club and later Blue Sky Writers.

Both Greta and her husband Ralph enjoyed travelling. As their daughters scattered across the country, they had opportunities to travel north, east, and west, as well as to the United States including two trips to Hawaii.

Greta and Ralph celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the farm where they had lived since their marriage. In 2004, they moved to Diamond Jubilee Court in Watrous where Greta lived until September of 2018. She became a resident of Last Mountain Pioneer Home in Strasbourg, SK and recently came back home to Watrous Manitou Lodge.

Greta was predeceased by her beloved husband Ralph in 2005; her parents, Clarence and Mary Burkhart; four sisters, Fern and her husband Stanley Shantz, Florence and her husband John Facchina, Mary and her husband Robert Knutson, and Merle; two brothers, Stanley aged two years, and Kenneth; her brother-in-law, Hubert Loken, and her sister-in-law, Jean Shantz. She is survived by her five daughters and their families; one brother, Ray (Vicki) Burkhart (Barrie, ON); two sisters, Beatrice (Walter) Bowman (Guernsey, SK), and Berna Loken (Edmonton, AB); a sister-in-law Ruth Hawes (Regina, SK); a brother-in-law Lyle Shantz (Watrous, SK), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.