

*I shall not want.
He maketh me
to lie down in
green pastures;
be leadeth me beside
the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: be 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 and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.*

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**Celebrating the Life of
Mary Lillian (Bartel) Schmidt
April 30, 1925-January 12, 2021**

North Star Mennonite Church Drake, Saskatchewan
Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Prelude

Opening Remarks and Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 27:1, 4 & 5, 13 & 14

Psalm 23 "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Proverbs 31: 25-28a

Remembrances: Emma Bartel and Margot Bartel

Song of Reflection: "In the Rifted Rock"

Drake Male Choir with Mary Schmidt, accompanist

Homily

Special Music: "The Holy City"

Margot Bartel with Amy Harms, accompanist

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Music: "Amazing Grace"

Beryl Bartel-Racararu and John Racararu

Postlude

Presiding Minister – Reverend Deacon Jack Robson

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Pallbearers – Shawn Wolfe, Shane Wolfe,

Daniel Schmidt, Bryce Bartel

Interment took place earlier today at the North Star Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Fotheringham's Funeral Service,
Watrous.

Maria Schmidt (nee Bartel) "Mary"

Maria Lillian (known as Mary Lillian) Schmidt was born
April 30, 1925 on the family farm near Drake, SK
to Zacharias and Emma Bartel.

She is survived by her son Barry Schmidt, grandson Steven
(Marie) and great grandchildren Daniel, Allison and Matt of
Watrous, SK, sister Emma Bartel, brother-in-law Art Driediger
and many nieces and nephews who were very dear to her.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Bill Schmidt (2003),
parents Zacharias and Emma Bartel and step mother Mary,
brothers Herold (Lorena), Harvey (Linda), sisters Adeline (Bob
Clardy), Elsie (Walden Neufeld), Luella (Menno Gerbrandt), Iris
(Art Driediger), brother-in-law Orren Bartel (Emma),
and by her nephew John Bartel.

At age eighteen she was baptized at North Star Mennonite Church
at Drake, SK where she remained a faithful and active member all
her life. As a child and youth she taught herself to play piano.
This was an ongoing joy to her as she played piano for church and
many other groups and continued on until age 95. She loved to
visit and created a lot of joy around her. For many years in
retirement, she and Bill hosted a coffee hour daily at their home
which was open to one and all. Her sense of hospitality and
warmth continued all her life, with her love for family, friends,
and kind acceptance of anyone whose path she crossed. She will
be lovingly remembered for this legacy of openhearted love and
her joy of life.