



Now I lay me  
Down to sleep;  
I pray the Lord  
My soul to keep.

If this were my last day I'm almost sure  
I'd spend it working in my garden. I  
would dig about my little plants, and try  
to make them happy, so they would endure  
long after me. Then I would hide secure  
where my green arbor shades me from the sky,  
and watch how bird and bee and butterfly  
came hovering to every flowery lure.  
then, as I rested, perhaps a friend or two,  
lovers of flowers would come,  
and we would walk  
about my little garden paths and talk  
of peaceful times when all the world  
seemed true.  
This may be my last day, for all I know;  
what a temptation just to spend it so!  
Anne Higginson Spicer

## John G. Charles

May 10, 1949, Jamestown, ND - February 17, 2008, Minot, ND

### Prayer Service

Thursday, February 21, 2008, 7 p.m.  
Thompson-Larson Funeral Home Chapel, Minot

### Memorial Service

Friday, February 22, 2008, 1 p.m.  
Our Redeemers Lutheran Brethren Church, Minot

### Officiates

Pastor Dan Chell, Our Redeemers, Minot  
Pastor Shawn Bowman, Victory Lutheran, Jamestown

### Signer

Wayne Marshall

### Music

Abigail, Rachel, Hannah and Rebekah Hillesland,  
Soloists to offer, "Go with God"  
Keith Warner, soloist to offer  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"  
"Whispering Hope"  
Congregational hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic"  
Celvin Hillesland pianist

### Honorary Bearers

All of John's family and friends

### Pallbearers

|                 |                     |                |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Wayne Marshall  | Richard Larsen      | Ole Rolle      |
| Greg Engel      | Jack Moorhead       | Collin Shipman |
| Darrin Ackerman | Dean Christofferson | Rob Lakoduk    |
|                 | Shawn Bowman        |                |

Immediately following the service in the church everyone is invited to join the family for fellowship and lunch in the church fellowship center.

John's family would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness shown to them at this very difficult time. Your love and friendship will never be forgotten. May God bless the memory of John.

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