In Loving Memory

Lillian Dordahl

June 9, 1932 ~ June 27, 2014

Lillian Carol Arlene Thorpe was born on June 9, 1932, in Wildrose, ND to Charles and Christine (Tena) Thorpe, the youngest of six children. Lillian's parents raised her on the family farm, baptizing and confirming her in the Lutheran faith.

Lillian attended school in Wildrose and often participated in musical groups at school and at church. Following her graduation from high school in 1949, she attended the Minot State Teacher's College, where she obtained her two-year teaching degree. For the next two years, Lillian taught 2nd grade at an elementary school in Grenora, ND. It was during this time that she met and fell in love with a young man, Elmer Dordahl. Lillian and Elmer were married in Grace Lutheran Church in Wildrose on June 28, 1953, the very same church in which Lillian's parents were the first couple to marry. Five children were born into this marriage.

Lillian and Elmer purchased the Dordahl family farm and for the next thirty-two years, enjoyed their farm home while raising small grains and cattle in the Zahl, ND community. Lillian remained active in music by participating in the St. Olaf Lutheran Church choir as well as small groups that performed at various functions.

In 1985, Lillian and Elmer moved to Williston while Elmer continued to farm for the next 5 years. Lillian's faith was very important to her and she became an active member of the Christian Women's Club, which she participated in throughout her remaining life.

After Elmer passed away in 1994, Lillian continued to make her home in Williston and was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church where she served on the church council. In 2000, she moved to Bismarck to be closer to family. She spent her days reading and keeping up on current events; she especially enjoyed all opportunities to travel with family members.

Grateful to have shared in her life is her daughter, DeeAnn Vinje of Fridley, MN; grandsons Ryan (Molly), Curt, and Brad; son Mark (Barbara) Dordahl of Bismarck, ND; granddaughters Tena (Matt) Liudahl and Sarah (Casey) Mueller; son Gary Dordahl (Bill Matthews) of Aurora, CO; and the children of her late son Duane, grandchildren Sharla Davis, Charlene Rollins, Sandra Britt, and Michael Dordahl. She is also survived by her sister Gladys Larson of Williston and 14 great-grandchildren.

Lillian is preceded in death by her husband Elmer in March 1994, infant daughter Lorna in May 1958, son Duane in September 2008, parents Charles and Tena Thorpe, and siblings Archie, Donald, Alice, and Ruth.
After the Clouds, the Sunshine
After the Winter, the Spring.
After the Shower, the Rainbow.
For life is a changeable thing:
After the Night, the Morning,
Bidding all darkness cease.
After life’s Cares and Troubles,
The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace.

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Date And Place Of Birth
June 9, 1932
Wildrose, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death
June 27, 2014
Bismarck, North Dakota

Funeral Service
10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 2, 2014
Fulkerson Funeral Chapel
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating
Rev. Randy Upgren

Pianist
Katie Rooke

Casketbearers
Matt Liudahl, Casey Mueller, Curt Vinje,
Brad Vinje, Marshall Liudahl & Ellis Berg

Honorary Bearers
All of Lillian’s Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Interment
Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

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