

Tribute to Our Mother and all Mothers

*We really haven't lost our Mother
Though we've said our last good-byes,
Though there's heartbreak in the parting-
No one's Mother really dies!
If you love to hear the old songs
For the memories they bring,
It's because you had a Mother
Who taught your heart to sing!
When you stop to help a neighbor
Search your heart and you will find
It's because you had a Mother
Who taught you to be kind.
If you go to church when weary,
Seeking God to guide your way,
It's because you had a Mother
Who taught you to pray.
No, we haven't lost our Mother
Though we've said our last good-byes,
Through our thoughts and deeds she's living
No one's Mother really dies!*



Idell E. Nelson, 85, of Watford City, ND passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 18, 1933 to Magdalena and Willie Kusler on her parents' farmstead in rural McIntosh County, North Dakota.

Idell was raised on a farm in McIntosh County, 12 ½ miles from Kulm, ND. Idell attended grades 1-7 at Springfield School #4 and graduated from Kulm High School in 1951. She graduated from Dakota Business College of Fargo in 1952. In 1952, when Gerald (Gerry) Nelson was conducting business with Bob Sanford, owner of S&S Motors, Bob introduced Gerry to his new accountant, Idell Kusler from Kulm, ND. Gerry Nelson and Idell Kusler were married May 9, 1954 (Mother's Day) in the First Congregational Church in Kulm, ND. The couple lived on the Arthur C. Nelson (Gerry's father) farm northeast of Watford City for a number of years. In addition to farming Gerald and Idell started Nelson's Ranch Supply in 1972 selling cattle equipment. The business grew over the years but after 20 years, Nelson's Ranch Supply closed to allow more time to travel. Idell was active in various church and community organizations. Together, Idell and Gerry enjoyed and helped their children and grandchildren. Gerry and Idell frequently went south for part of the winter, usually to South Padre Island, TX.

Idell is preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Magdalena Kusler, her stillborn twin sister, and infant sister Bernita. Left behind to treasure her memory is her loving husband of 64 years, Gerald Nelson; children, Cindy (Wayne) Sorenson of Williston, Craig (Julie) Nelson of Watford City, Kevin (Julie) Nelson of Mercer Island, WA; grandchildren, Jeffrey Sorenson, Brent Sorenson, Philip Sorenson, Adam (Jalyssa) Sorenson, Meghan (Jamie) Jellesed, Heather (Eric) Kwan, Janelle (Cody) Ceynar, Owen Nelson and Gavin Nelson; great grandchildren, Mary Rolfson, Asia and Alex Dutke, Restan Sorenson, Aksel, Demi, and Odin Jellesed; siblings, Luella Carlson of Fargo, Marlin (Esther) Kusler of Kulm, Howard (Lucy) Kusler of Lake Oswego, OR and Joyce (Lyle) Janke of Fargo.



In Loving Memory Of

Idell E. Nelson

May 18, 1933 - July 10, 2018





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Born to Willie & Magdalena Kusler
May 18, 1933 ~ McIntosh County, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
July 10, 2018 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Services
11:00 AM ~ Saturday, July 14, 2018
Living Faith Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Bob Larson



Special Music
"Somewhere My Love"
Cody Ceynar ~ Vocalist
Duane Sanford ~ Accompanist

Music
Trish Skoglund ~ Accompanist

Pallbearers
Jeff Sorenson Brent Sorenson
Phil Sorenson Adam Sorenson
Janelle Nelson Ceynar Cody Ceynar

Final Resting Place
Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Watford City, ND