

Lillian was born on July 14, 1934 in Worden, MT to Paul and Mary (Walters) Propp. She was the 4th of 5 children. At the age of 4 the family moved to the Fairview area. Lillian went to school in Fairview and graduated from Fairview High in May of 1952. On November 2, 1952 she married Robert Victor Riedel whom she had been dating since 7th grade. They bought a farm in Fairview and this is where she was when she passed. It was a wish she had and we were so happy it was able to be granted to her. In 1954, Vicki Lynn was born, 1956 Cheryl Kay and 1969 Keith Alan. Mom & Dad were both very proud of their children... Mom with the iron fist and Dad was the one that always shortened our 'being grounded' time. So to that we'd say, we had the best of both worlds.

She loved living on the farm and was a very hard worker. We had milk cows, chickens, pigs and lambs which Mom took care of. She was also in charge of yard work and, of course, all the cooking/baking...which, by the way, she was wonderful at. Vicki & Cheryl were blessed with cream of wheat or pancakes or anything hot after we were done irrigating in the early summer mornings. And then she let us go back to bed for a while to warm up. We were also treated to things like caramel rolls or chocolate chip cookies when getting off of the bus in the winter time. She taught both of us a lot about canning, cooking and baking. Oh, and let's not forget CLEANING. Anyone that knew Mom knew you could eat off her kitchen floor.

Mom & Dad were wonderful parents to grow up with. We got to go snowmobiling, ice skating, lots of camping & boating with a few vacations here and there. They also were at many gatherings with friends playing Tripoli, Whist and different board games. Boating was Mom's least favorite of all of these. Dad loved to give us a thrill by turning sharp and trying to get the water up as close to the edge of the boat as he could. Dad – huge grin, Mom – frown. Her world was turned upside down and her heart was hugely broken when Victor passed away in 1972.

Mom decided to try the working world as we all learned to live without Dad. The jobs she had over the years were at Sidney Livestock, Sitting Bull Livestock, Modern Lady, Judy's Catering, scalehouse person for weighing beet trucks for Holly Sugar. She also drove beet truck for the Riedel family but that started with marrying Dad.

Mom spent the last of her years working in her flower beds, helping in the garden, mowing her lawn and doing everything most people have to do for the upkeep of a farm yard. She was very intelligent in many things. The most we have to marvel about is as we have been running into things lately, she was a Mrs. Fix-it in some of the most unique ways. We have found ourselves saying many times since she passed....only Mom/Granny would have fixed it that way!!! She was Keith's right-hand caretaker and spent many hours driving and sitting in the hospitals with him. We loved watching the pouring out of her love for her son.

Lillian was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, a Sunday School & Bible School teacher (which meant us girls were regular attendees), Zion Circle Group and a charter member of the Fairview Jayceens. She was a very active part of raising money for the first swimming pool in Fairview.

Lillian is survived by her daughters Vicki (Chuck) Thompson, Elko and Cheryl Riedel (Jim Karst), Fairview; granddaughters Alicia Dietrich-Dahl, Fargo and Angie (Casey) Dietrich, Fairview; great-grandsons Parker (Aneska) Dahl, Fargo and Connor Dahl; great-granddaughter Taylor Dietrich, Fairview; brother Harold (Betty) Propp, Billings, sister Dorothy Valnes, Sidney and sister-in-law Bernice Riedel, Fairview. She has numerous nieces and nephews on both the Propp and Riedel sides.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband Victor, son Keith, parents Paul & Mary Propp, sister and brother-in-law Betty (Al) Beeman, brother and sister-in-law Eddie (Marilyn) Propp, and brother-in-law Larry Valnes. All of Victor's family, his parents, 4 brothers, and 3 sisters also preceded her in death.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Lillian Frieda Riedel

July 14, 1934 ~ June 22, 2019

She is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she lived.*

You can close your eyes and pray

That she will come back,

Or you can open your eyes,

And see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty

Because you can't see her

Or you can be full,

Of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow,

And live yesterday.

Or you can be happy for tomorrow

because of yesterday.

You can remember her,

And only that she is gone.

Or you can cherish her memory

And let that live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

Be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do what she would want,

Smile, open your eyes and go on.

Lillian F. Riedel

Born to Paul & Mary Propp

July 14, 1934 ~ Worden, Montana

Passed Away

June 22, 2019 ~ Fairview, Montana

Services

2:00PM Saturday September 14, 2019

Zion Lutheran Church

Fairview, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Roberta Pierce

Sermon

Richard St. Germain

Honorary Speakers

Loren & Ross Mathson

Ushers

Bob Propp Kevin Riedel

Programs & Guest Book

Carol Sandvik Mike Gritzen

Luncheon will be served following the service

Final Resting Place

Burial will be at a later date at

Fairview Cemetery

E. Fairview, North Dakota

*For all the times,
You gently picked us up*

When we fell down,

For all the times,

You tied our shoes

And tucked us into bed,

Or needed something

But put us first instead.

For everything we shared,

The dreams, the laughter and the tears.

We love you with a special love,

That deepened every year.

Thank you Mom



Turning The Page

It's hard to turn the page,

When you know someone

Won't be in the next chapter,

But the story must go on.