



In Loving Memory Of

Lila Jean Larsen

September 7, 1927 - February 24, 2020



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*Please try and understand, that an angel came
and called my name, and took me by the hand.*

*The angel said my place was ready in Heaven
above and I would have to leave
behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,
I felt so much at home, For God looked down,
smiled at me, and told me welcome home.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think
we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm
right there in your heart.*

So God Made a Farmer's Wife

And on the 9th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "The farmer needs a caretaker".

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God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, feed the farmer, work all day in town, come home to work alongside her farmer, make supper, and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board".

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"I need somebody with arms strong enough to keep up with the farmer yet gentle enough to cuddle a newborn baby. Somebody to run for parts, help in the fields, move trucks, deliver meals, look the farmer in the eyes and tell him 'I love you and the life we've built' – and mean it".

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God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with their newborn baby. And raise him right. I need somebody who can use a wrench and know where to find it, doesn't mind getting dirty, who can remove stains, and keep a house clean. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish her forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from her town job, taking care of the kids, and fieldwork, put in another seventy-two hours".

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God had to have somebody willing to cancel appointments and change plans and be ready in a minutes notice and yet will never stop and complain about this way of life.

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God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clean out bins and heave bails, yet gentle enough to raise kids and bottle feed calves and tend to the house, who will drive the tractor and pray to God about the weather. It had to be somebody who'd be able to handle the house and field work and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and wash and dry and cook and clean and remember scheduled events and feed the farmer and stock the cupboards and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when her daughter says she wants to spend her life 'doing what mom does.'"

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Born to Milton & Mildred Olson

September 7, 1927
Cartwright, North Dakota

Date & Place of Passing

February 24, 2020
Culbertson, Montana

Memorial Service

Saturday, June 27, 2020, 2:00 PM
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
McCabe, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Gretchen Wagner

Music

"Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace"
"In The Garden"

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Lila's Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Ebenezer Lutheran Church Cemetery
McCabe, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Attn: Jaimee Green:
PO Box 419, Culbertson, MT 59218.

Lila Jean Larsen was born on September 7, 1927 to Milton and Mildred Olson on the farm in Cartwright, North Dakota. She attended grade school in Cartwright and moved to Williston with family friends for high school. She commuted via train crossing the Snowden Bridge to go home on weekends.

The next chapter of her life was as a switchboard operator in Culbertson, Montana where she met the love of her life, Gene Larsen. They were married on October 1, 1950 in Cartwright and lived on their farm NE of Culbertson their entire lives. She lost her beloved Gene July 4, 2017.

Her next full-time job was raising their family, Steve, Darla & Tim. She had many volunteer positions including Sunday School Superintendent at Ebenezer Lutheran for many years. She was an active member of the Merry Homemakers, leader with the Lucky 7 4-H Club, Cub Scout Leader, member of the Soil Conservation Auxiliary, and in her spare time, was an excellent seamstress, knitter, crocheted and baker. We will truly miss her famous Danish Puff that made an appearance at any family gathering.

Her most treasured memory was a family cruise to Alaska with all the kids and grandkids to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Her love and devotion to her family was never ending and was now extended to great-grandchildren that found a place in her heart.

Mom & Dad spent over 30 years as snowbirds, taking up residence in Apache Junction. These were truly their golden years together as they became shuffleboard pros and made many, many new friends in their winter residence. They looked forward to going south and reuniting with their snowbird family every winter. One of Mom's proudest accomplishments was when she learned to swim at the age of 56 while living at Countryside.

Lila is survived by son, Steve (Darcia); daughter, Darla (Dana); son, Tim; grandchildren, Shawn, Garth, Justin (Makenzie), Kevin (Amy), Michael (Raven) and Madison; great-grandchildren, Bailey, Bruce and Huey; step-grandson, Jason and his boys Trevor and Kyle; In-laws, Glen, Della, Gloria and Betty. She was preceded in death by her husband; Gene; parents, Milton and Mildred; brother, Milton, Jr.