



Ilene Ardelle Rivers

Born to Palmer & Nina Ouren
September 3, 1933 ~ Crosby, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
November 7, 2020 ~ Wildrose, North Dakota

Funeral Service
Saturday, November 21, 2020, 2:00 PM
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Emily Shipman

Readings
Psalm 23 1-4
Romans 10:9-13
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 14: 1-6

Music
"Supermarket Flowers"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"Graves Into Gardens"

Honorary Pallbearers
All of Ilene's Grandchildren
Danielle Johnson Coleman Rivers Lise Hegge
Paige Olson Wyatt Olson
All of Ilene's Great Grandchildren
Jesse Rivers Ryleigh Rettig Alaina Hegge
River Movchan Jocilyn Hegge Jared Lantz
Wyatt Hegge Jameson Lantz Parker Lantz

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Tioga, ND



In Loving Memory Of

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Ilene Rivers, 87, of Wildrose, North Dakota, entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the Tioga Medical Center in Tioga, ND.

Ilene Ardelle (Ouren) Rivers was born September 3, 1933, in Crosby, ND to Palmer & Nina (Fitzgerald) Ouren. She lived on the family farm 8 miles north of Wildrose. Ilene was confirmed at Glenwood Church. Her education began at Highland #3 in Divide County ending in 1949 and going on to graduate from Wildrose High School in 1952.

On July 25, 1956, Ilene married B.L. Rivers in Fargo, ND. Two children were born to this marriage, one son, Shannon Loyal Rivers, and one daughter, Dawn Kay Rivers.

Ilene was a hard-working woman and loved people. Her first job was the Roods Roost Cafe in Wildrose. She also worked at Twete's Café and the Wildrose Locker, only to return to her true passion of cooking and serving people at the Wildrose Café. Ilene eventually purchased the Wildrose Café which she ran and operated serving the community for 33 years. Seismic & Oilfield Crews loved her because she would open as early as 5:00 in the morning and stay until 10:00 in the evening making sure they had warm meals to begin and end their day. Ilene was an excellent cook and the community enjoyed her Sunday dinners, especially her turkey dinners. Nobody could top her potato salad.

Ilene was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church in Wildrose, where she enjoyed worshiping with the congregation. She also was a Relay for Life team member and was involved in the Sons of Norway. Ilene loved getting together with friends to play bingo, pull tabs (rippies), and machines. Ilene loved attending the Medora Musical and going on the fun bus to Deadwood. Family was very important to Ilene and she was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ilene is preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Sharon, Lorraine, Carol and Donna and brother, LaVerne.

Ilene is survived by her brother, Maynard Ouren of Wildrose, ND; sister, Marion (Dennis) Groth of San Antonio, TX. She is also survived by her 2 children, Shannon Rivers and his wife, Lori of Williston, ND and Dawn Olson (Rob Teets) of Minot, ND. She boasted of 5 grandchildren, Danielle Johnson (Nick Lantz) of Tioga, ND, Coleman Rivers of Wildrose, ND, Lise (Chris) Hegge of Williston, ND, Paige Olson (Cory Cramer) of Stanley, ND and Wyatt Olson of Williston, ND. Her eyes sparkled whenever she was around any of her 9 great-grandchildren, Jesse Rivers, Alaina Hegge, Jocilyn Hegge and Wyatt Hegge, all of Williston, ND, Ryleigh Rettig of Ray, ND, River Movchan, Jared Lantz, Jameson Lantz and Parker Lantz, all of Tioga, ND. She will be missed by all.

Goodbye Is Not Forever

*When you lived your life for others
and you loved without condition
When you made so many laugh
and your smile won't be forgotten
When you left behind an empty place
that no one else can fill
When the friendships that you shared
long to be renewed
When you built your life on hope
and fulfilled it every day
The footprints that you left behind
will bring us face to face
So, goodbye is not forever,
You're only steps away*