

# *Curtain Falls*

*There comes a time for all of us  
When we must say good-bye  
But faith and hope and love and trust  
can never, ever die;  
Although the curtain falls at last  
Is that a cause to grieve?  
The future's fairer than the past  
If only we believe  
And trust in God's eternal care.  
So when the Master calls  
Let's say that life is still more fair  
Although the curtain falls.*



# *In Loving Memory Of Maxine Nelson*

**Born to Dorothy (Landon) and Ernest Sondrol**  
April 29, 1933 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

**Peacefully Passed Away**  
July 31, 2024 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

**Funeral Services**  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm  
First Lutheran Church ~ Watford City, North Dakota  
*Refreshments to Follow*

**Officiating**  
Pastor Matt Rolfson

**Casketbearers**  
Chad Kieson   Torey Kieson   Cole Kieson  
Shane Johnson   Mica Peterson   Waylon Smith

**Ushers**  
Al Luckow   Steve Sondrol

**Music**  
"Softly and Tenderly"   "How Great Thou Art"  
"Amazing Grace"   "On Eagle's Wings"  
Emma Peterson   Mya Peterson   Lucy Peterson

**Readers**  
Pastor Rob Favorite   Shane Johnson

**Final Resting Place**  
Redwing Cemetery ~ Arnegard, North Dakota

**Arrangements By**  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Watford City, North Dakota



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Maxine Sondrol Nelson was born April 29, 1933, to Dorothy and Ernest Sondrol on the family farm south of Watford City, ND.

Maxine attended country school for three years before moving to Watford City in 1943. She attended Watford City High School and graduated in 1951.

Maxine enjoyed Band and Chorus. She was also a member of the First Lutheran Church Choir. Maxine spent a lot of her high school years helping with younger siblings and household chores.

After graduation, she worked for First International Bank of Watford City. On November 21, 1951, she married her high school sweetheart, Niel Nelson. They then moved south of Arnegard to the family farm where they would remain until 1981 when they moved to Arnegard. While on the farm, Maxine taught Country School for two years. Niel and Maxine had three daughters: Cindy Andersen, Barb Johnson, and Peggy Ostrum.

Maxine enjoyed gardening and sewing for herself and the girls. She ran many errands for the farm and also did books for Nelson Westland Service Station in Arnegard. Maxine was a great cook - when the grandsons were home, Grandma got a workout making egg pancakes!! She hauled many meals to the field for hungry men. The Custom harvest crew always looked forward to her caramel rolls. She also tried her hand at selling Tupperware.



Maxine was a member of Zoar and Wilmington Lutheran Churches. She was active in teaching Sunday school, Church Council, WELCA and Zoar quilting ladies. She was a charter member of the Eagles Auxiliary of Watford City, VFW of Watford City, Women's Democratic Party, and Redwing Homemakers Club.

Maxine enjoyed golfing, playing cards, camping with family and friends and loved cruising. Niel and Maxine spent 25 winters in Arizona and traveling around the country. They enjoyed trips to Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Norway and Panama.

In 2017, Niel and Maxine moved into the Horizon Assisted Living in Watford City. They lived there for five years before moving to the Good Shepherd Home.



Maxine peacefully passed away on Wednesday July 31, 2024, at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, ND with her family by her side.

Maxine is survived by her daughters Cindy (Rick) Andersen, Barb (Wayne) Johnson, and Peggy Ostrum; five grandchildren Chad (Rhonda) Kieson of Dickinson, Torey (Jodi) Kieson of Bismarck, Shane (Lindsay) Johnson of Arnegard, Mica (Graham) Peterson of Bismarck, and Mandi (Chris) Dordal of Somerset, WI; siblings Norman Sondrol of Bismarck, Karen (Al) Berg of Watford City, Judy Wold of Watford City and Sharon Stashuk of Phoenix, AZ; numerous nieces and nephews; and fourteen great grandchildren: Cole Kieson, Riley and Molly Kieson, Waylon and Kreed Smith, Emma, Mya, Lucy, Millie and Charlie Peterson, and Julianna, Oliver, Roman, and Adeline Dordal.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband Niel Nelson, grandson Casey Johnson, son-in-law Derk Bakke, parents Ernest and Dorothy Sondrol, one infant sister Mildred, brother Leroy Sondrol and sister Pearl Swenson, as well as numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law.

