



## Marilyn Korn

June 22, 1933 - December 2, 2012

Marilyn J. Korn, 79, Valley City, ND, formerly of Marion, ND, died on December 2, 2012, following a short stay at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND. Marilyn Joyce Lindgren was born June 22, 1933, to Phillip and Esther (Larson) Lindgren in Grafton, ND. Marilyn's education began in a small country school, Kensington School, and she graduated from Walsh County Agricultural School in Park River, ND, in 1951.

Marilyn attended summer school at Valley City State University (VCSU) in Valley City, ND, and taught for three years at her home country school, Kensington, where she worked with her two younger sisters, Lynnette and Arlyss. Thereafter, Marilyn continued her education full-time at VCSU and graduated in 1956 with a major in English and minors in Home Economics and Music. Marilyn and her best friend, Dorothy (Mattson) Arvidson, both taught in Wimbledon, ND, for a year after graduation.

In the summer of 1956, Marilyn was visiting a friend in the hospital when she met her friend's hospital roommate, Ralph Korn who had been injured in a farming accident. Several months later, Marilyn and Ralph began dating and were married at First Baptist Church in Valley City, ND, on September 29, 1957. The two were happily married almost 49 years prior to Ralph's passing. Marilyn and Ralph farmed near Marion, ND, and Marilyn started working as a long-term substitute at the high school in Litchville, ND, in 1959. She continued full-time during the 1959-1960 school year teaching English, speech and journalism, and later changed to instructing junior high library,

language arts, and home economics after the Litchville and Marion schools merged. After 40 years of teaching, Marilyn retired in 2000.

Marilyn gave her heart to Christ when she was 12 years old and was involved in various church activities from that point forward. She and Ralph were members of the United Methodist Church in Marion, ND, where Marilyn taught Sunday school, played the piano, and ministered with the women's group. Marilyn and Ralph moved off the farm during the fall of 2003 to Rosewood Court (assisted living) in LaMoure, ND, before moving to Bridgeview Estates (assisted living) in Valley City, ND, in May 2005. Marilyn once again became active with First Baptist Church in Valley City and hosted a prayer group at her home each week. She was also involved in social activities through the assisted living, most recently hosting a weekly concert night comprised of singing, as well as violin and piano music.

Family, friends, and caregivers were very important to Marilyn, and she enjoyed staying in touch with former students. She wrote an annual Christmas poem each year that incorporated the salvation message and had just completed her 2012 poem prior to her death. Marilyn's legacy is her strong faith, active prayer life, spiritual mentoring, giving heart, encouraging spirit, positive attitude, and young-at-heart outlook on life.

Marilyn is survived by a brother, Harlan (Beverly) Lindgren of Shakopee, MN; sisters Lynnette (Dean) Karges of Oriska, ND, and Arlyss (David) Eby of St. Anthony, MN; as well as several nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, and great grand-nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Doreen Lindgren; brother, Allston Lindgren; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Lindgren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

DEC 7. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Marilyn's homegoing a few moments ago and I'm smiling through my tears to know that my precious friend is with our Savior. I've treasured her Christmas poems and ask that somehow I can read what she wrote for this year. Knowing that her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her; I rejoice that she is spending this Christmas and all eternity with the Author and Finisher of our faith.##imported-begin##Jean Burgett##imported-end##

December 12, 2012 at 02:11 PM



“ My favorite memory of Mrs. Korn was the literature class she taught in the library. She loved literature and set a great example, (wish I had been a little better student). Rest in peace Mrs. Korn. Darris Smedshammer##imported-begin##Darris Smedshammer##imported-end##

December 12, 2012 at 09:06 AM



“ Marilyn was a wonderful and gracious lady. I am thankful to have known her through the Marion Methodist Church. She was my Sunday School and Bible School Teacher during the 1960's. Marilyn was a true friend to my mom and dad, Charles and Inis Bowen, always remembering them with cards and kind words. I know that Marilyn's funeral will be a celebration of her life, yet it's so sad to let someone go. My sincere sympathy to all who knew and loved her.##imported-begin##Beverly (Bowen) Kuska##imported-end##

December 07, 2012 at 07:02 PM



“ Marilyn's presence brought cheer to all who knew her. She will be missed here at Bridgeview.##imported-begin##Wanda Newkirk##imported-end##

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December 07, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Marilyn Korn was not only the most influential teacher of my high school years, but also a friend and mentor who stayed in touch for more than 40 years after high school. She saw the good in everyone, and fiercely believed in the potential of her students, encouraging them to "develop" themselves. In a small, rural school system, she found ways to enrich the lives of students, from sharing books and discussing ideas to seeking out one of the first computer systems to allow students to read and learn at their own levels. She initiated a speech program and drove students to district, regional and state speech contests, where they achieved top ratings. I realized the excellence of her teaching when I majored in English at the University of North Dakota, and found I was as well-prepared as many students from larger and wealthier school districts. She had the soul of a poet and the heart of a mother. Even though she did not have her own children, she embraced her students as her own, and she believed in them as only a mother can. I will never forget her, and will be forever grateful for the presence of this extraordinary woman and gentle spirit in my life. I am comforted knowing she is now with her beloved Ralph once again.##imported-begin##Cheryl Olson##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 10:25 PM



“ We extend our sympathy and regards to Marilyn's family. We knew her as a beautiful christian woman and best of all married to Eleanor's second cousin Ralph. We will miss her yearly Christmas letters with the lovely and meaningful poems. We rejoice with her loved ones that she is now at eternal rest with her Lord and Savior. Sincerely with love, Eleanor and Howard###imported-begin###Howard and Eleanor Piehl###imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 08:32 PM



“ To the family of Marilyn Korn: She treasured all of you. Marilyn was like a second mother to my brother Kevin Busche and I. She took care of us every time our mother was in the hospital. My brother and I would walk to her house quiet often from our home. We lived about a mile away. Marilyn was such a good care giver, neighbor, piano teacher, librarian. She loved to read us books. Marilyn always had pie or cookies for us when we ventured over to her house. She was a loving, heartfilled, warm and caring person. She filled our hearts with joy, love ,laughter and memories. We will miss her.###imported-begin###Susan (Busche)Hoefs (Kathy Busche daughter)###imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 04:09 PM



“ Marilyn was a very special. I don't think I ever told her that just because she didn't teach school anymore, she was still a teacher everyday of her life. She believed in me, even when I didn't.###imported-begin###james pickard###imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 10:31 PM



“ David and I were deeply saddened to hear that Marilyn passed away. As we shared our memories of her, our tears ceased and were replaced by a calm acceptance. We know that she was met by a choir of angels and ran joyfully into the arms of Ralph; the second love of her life. The Heavenly Father being the first, was waiting patiently and then escorted her into the kingdom she so believe in. The fact that no one can take her place is a tribute to the uniqueness of her soul.##imported-begin##Jennifer Pickard##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 10:25 PM



“ Harlan, Lynette, and Arylss, and the rest of the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Marilyn was such a special lady. I remember spending week-ends with her and Ralph when I went to College in Valley City. She was so accepting and encouraging. I always looked forward to her Christmas letters. She will be missed. I will be thinking of you and praying for you.##imported-begin##JoAnn Hubred##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 10:23 PM



“ I was saddened to read of Mrs. Korn's passing. She ranks up at the top of my list of one of my favorite teachers. She was so kind, patient, and always had a smile on her face. I still have and use the bible she gave me back in the 70's. I feel very fortunate to have had her as a teacher and mentor. God Bless her memory and her family members as they continue on. Gone, but never forgotten.  
Vicky Justesen HLUBEK  
Class of 1970##imported-begin##Vicky Justesen Hlubek##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 05:58 PM



“ *Marilyn was a wonderful lady that will be missed by all.*###imported-begin##Heidi Fandrich##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 01:25 PM



“ *To Lynn and all of Marilyn's family - It was such an honor to have Marilyn come into my life - we first met when Blair became my niece, Stephani's husband. From he first time I met her I loved her and her spirit and looked forward to her Christmas letter each year, as did many others. Even though you all know Marilyn is home with our Lord, your heart will yearn for her earthly presence - now the wonderful memories will be your solace. God's blessings to you all.* *Jeri*###imported-begin##Jerise (Jeri) Nelson##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 02:20 AM



“ *Mrs. Korn was my much loved teacher and good friend. I came to appreciate and respect Mrs. Korn even more so after graduation and throughout my adult life. All of us kids were Marilyn's kids! She always saw the best in each one of us! Because I know her faith in the Lord was so strong, I truly believe she now sits in Heaven's glory ..... probably already teaching the younger angels how to be the best angel that they can be!*  
*We will miss you, Mrs. Korn!*  
*You will never be forgotten!!*###imported-begin##Carol Ann Legge Faulkner, LHS class of '68##imported-end##

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December 04, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ Mrs. Korn was my teacher in high school and when I came back to work at the school, she was my co-work. She had such faith in God and readily showed it. Her love for difficult students and people was inspiring. I can just picture her dancing with delight in heaven.##imported-begin##Liz (Campbell) Fick##imported-end##

December 04, 2012 at 11:00 AM



“ I remember Marilyn from way back when she went to college in Valley City. She was such a dedicated Christian and encouraged my sister and me spiritually. She and another gal would come out to visit us some Sundays for dinner, and we always called them "the college girls". Marilyn has been such a testimony of God's love and grace all these years. We will miss her, but are rejoicing with her in that she is rejoicing with her Lord in heaven now!##imported-begin##Bonnie Allen##imported-end##

December 04, 2012 at 10:52 AM



“ Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.  
You were an influence on the lives of every child that you taught.  
Thankyou Marilynn for teaching me the way to  
Salvation.##imported-begin##Chuck Bowen##imported-end##

December 04, 2012 at 10:31 AM



“ This breaks my heart, and yet I know she's with the Lord, but that still doesn't remove the pain of losing Marilyn, a sweet, sweet lady!  
My heart goes out to all of your family, Lynn!!!!  
With love, Ardis##imported-begin##Ardis Martin##imported-end##

December 03, 2012 at 11:22 PM



“ *Marilyn was like my own aunt and loved and accepted me with open arms even before I was a part of the family. She was so accepting and loving! Very perceptive as well! She will be missed!##imported-begin##Juanita Lindgren##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 10:20 PM



“ *Marilyn (& Ralph) sowed into Birdie's life almost 48 years - Dick's only about 44! Your acceptance and care, your friendship, your love, your poetry & prayers have impacted us our entire marriage. More than that, you have touched lives through us who only now I believe you will get to meet. The Lord has been more than gracious to bring us together. We bless the Lord you're now able to be in the Presence of the One you have loved and served so many years. Thank you Father for giving us Marilyn. All our love, Dick & Birdie Johnson##imported-begin##Dick & Birdie Johnson##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 05:04 PM