



Marion Lorraine Olafson

July 30, 1922 - January 13, 2017

Marion Olafson age 94, Valley City, ND, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 13, 2017 at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City.

Marion Lorraine Langager was born July 30, 1922 to Sven and Ada (Lambert) Langager at Hope, North Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

She attended school at Hope and graduated on May 24, 1940. Following graduation, she moved to Litchville, ND where she worked for H.M. Mickelson in his Marion, ND and Litchville drug stores. When he sold his drug stores in 1942 and moved to New Rockford, ND, Marion and her sister, Ruth, also moved there to work at the Mickelson Drug Store.

On January 8, 1944, she married Calvin Olafson. They made their home in Litchville until 1955 when the family moved to Valley City. Marion was employed at JCPenney in Valley City for 25 years and retired in 1984. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, and the church circle. She entered the Sheyenne Care Center in 2004 where she received excellent care and developed a family relationship with the staff allowing her to continue her good natured attitude. Thanks to everyone who cared for Marion.

Marion loved playing cards and board games with grandchildren. She had an infectious smile, good natured giggle, and loved to tease and be goofy.

Grandchildren knew where to find her snacks in the famous cookie jar in her kitchen. Even with her physical difficulties after a severe stroke, she continued

with a positive attitude. Marion participated in the many activities at the Care Center and completed countless Word Search books over the years. She continued the cookie jar tradition sharing her snacks from bingo winnings tucked in a drawer for visitors. She kept up with current events by reading the newspaper every day as well as the weekly Our Savior's Church bulletin. Marion is survived by two sons, Donald (Janice), Valley City, Gerald (Debora), West Fargo, ND; four grandchildren, Mark (Amanda) Olafson, West Fargo, Kristen Bear (Todd Paintner), Valley City, Kelly Olafson, Fort Collins, CO, Elizabeth Olafson (Brad Monson), West Fargo; six great grandchildren, Jacy, Trissa, Grady and Drew Olafson, West Fargo and Derek and Ethan Bear, Valley City; one sister, Olive Zerface, Fargo, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cal who died May 19, 2008; three brothers, James Langager, Richard Langager and Cyril Langager; and five sisters, Ellen Mickelson, Doris McCullough, Ruth Sonsthagen, Esther Ask, and Phyllis Simenson.

Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. The funeral service will be 11 am Tuesday, January 17, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Burial will be in Memory Gardens in the spring.

Arrangements are by Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *What good memories I have of Marion working downstairs at Penney's with my mother, Doris Shape. The co-workers were like family and treated the kids of their co-workers like family also. Good bunch of people. My dad, Buster (Howard) Shape, worked at the old Ford Garage while Cal worked there. We've known the family for many years. Know that you are in our thought and prayers.*

*Kathy (Shape) and Boyd Sussex
Judy (Shape) and Mike Weisgram
Lynn Shape*

Kathy Sussex - January 17, 2017 at 02:46 PM

JD

“ *Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to all of you ...*

Love from Jan Dare

Jan Dare - January 16, 2017 at 08:00 PM

JB

“ *I have fond memories of working with Marion at Penney's in the early 1970's, such a wonderful person with an infectious laugh. Prayers to all of the family.*

Joanne Bear - January 16, 2017 at 07:46 PM

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Marion's family. I have fond memories of Marion showing me the ropes at Penney's. She shared many giggles with me and Gloriann. My prayers, Christine (Pederson) Marshall*



Christine Marshall - January 16, 2017 at 06:37 PM

KB

“ *Playing one of our favorite games we played with grandma growing up-Uncle Wiggily.*



Kristen Bear - January 16, 2017 at 06:01 PM

KB

Playing one of grandmas favorite games when we were growing up-Uncle Wiggily! Kelly Olafson, Ethan, Derek and Kristen Bear.

Kristen Bear - January 16, 2017 at 06:15 PM

TG

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Tom Goven - January 16, 2017 at 04:03 PM

CA

“ *I loved working with her at J C Penney in the lower level! What a wonderful lady that was always happy and always had a smile on her face! God bless Marion and her family!*

Cher Anderson - January 15, 2017 at 10:22 PM

DB

“ Dear Great Grandma, we had so much fun coming to see you and see what Bingo treats you saved for us in your drawer. Our favorite was the Reeses Pieces and the Cool Ranch chips. We had many fun rides in your lift chair. We had fun trying to find the facility cat, Sunshine the black cat, when we came to visit. We enjoyed eating your favorite food with you, Pizza Corner pizza-the Manhandler. We will miss you lots!

Love Derek and Ethan Bear

Derek and Ethan Bear - January 15, 2017 at 09:26 PM

LG

“ Marion, was one of the kindest and fun lady's I have ever known. We have lots of happy Memory's of her and Cal. Rest in Peace Beautiful Lady we will see you again some day.

God Bless Kenny & Linda Grant

Linda Grant - January 15, 2017 at 11:45 AM