



Marlys Becker

April 1, 1935 - October 6, 2014

The funeral service for Marlys J. Becker, 79, Valley City, will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Valley City. She passed away suddenly at her home in Valley City.

Marlys, daughter of August and Ella (Amundsen) Becker, was born on April 1, 1935 in Stewart Township. She later moved to Edna Township near Rogers, North Dakota.

She attended several one room country schools during grade school and graduated from Rogers High School in 1952. She then attended Valley City State Teachers College receiving a degree in Music Education in 1956. After graduation, she taught music in Montana and Idaho. She completed her Masters degree in Music at the University of Idaho. Marlys worked as a music teacher for over 35 years at schools in Colorado and Maryland until her retirement.

Following retirement, she enjoyed summers in Valley City and especially traveling to the area of East Africa.

She is survived by brothers, Donald Becker (Elaine) and James Becker (Drin) and 3 nieces and 3 nephews.

Marlys was preceded in death by her parents.

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with handling the arrangements for her funeral. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

“ Dear Becker family,

My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Marlys was highly respected and appreciated here in Maryland. As a member of the Commission for Women one of her accomplishments was the organization of the Montgomery County Women's Fair, a program attended by hundreds and eventually thousands of women who heard speakers on a wide variety of subjects from the practical (financial management) to health issues and political topics (Marlys wisely steered us away from the most controversial subjects). Free health screening was also provided. All of the work of producing the fair was provided by volunteers from various women's organizations. We were the Federation of Republican Women, Women's Democratic Club, the National Council of Catholic Women, the National Council of Jewish Women, Church Women United (Protestant), the League of Women Voters and Delta Sigma Theta (A sorority of African American Women) among others. Our initial committee was comprised of one volunteer from each of 26 different organizations. Although we had never met one another and came from very different backgrounds we never doubted that we could produce Marlys' proposed program because of her enthusiasm, perfect organization and diplomatic leadership. We were excited to be involved. Local newspapers (including the Washington Post) and television stations sent reporters to interview Marlys and others on the day of the fair and we received good coverage from each. The Fair grew year after year as Marlys slowly handed over leadership to others.

In addition to being a brilliant and tireless leader and a generous mentor to many, Marlys was a kind and caring friend, who offered me support and companionship during the difficult months following the sudden death of my husband.

Rest in peace dear friend. Connie Hickey

Connie Hickey - October 25, 2014 at 10:10 AM

GB

“ *My sympathy to Don and James and families, Marlys was my classmate in high school, a lovely lady, I stopped in Idaho to visit with her when she taught there, I haven't seen her since then, I am saddened by her passing, I just learned of it today as I am in Oregon, jerry bouck, "jerrydakota@peoplepc.com"*

Gerald Bouck - October 23, 2014 at 08:41 PM

LR

“ Dear Don, James, and Families,

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies on the passing of your dear sister, Marlys Becker. We remember visiting with her when she came home to Valley City during her summer breaks in the 1950's-60's. She was such an elegant woman, a highly professional educator who loved teaching music to the world.

As youngsters, we were in awe of her presence and her teaching career on the East Coast. To us, she seemed to live an exotic life. As it turned out, she did travel to exotic countries all over the world and fell in love with areas of East Africa, where she experienced the beautiful wildlife and scenery firsthand.

Marlys was a very talented and gifted woman. No doubt, she continued teaching to those she came in contact with each and every day of her life. She will be missed.

May God Bless You at this Difficult Time . . .

*Linda & Paul Renstrom
Karen Frederickson
Beth Pfeifer
Dennis Frederickson
Phyllis Frederickson*

linda renstrom - October 10, 2014 at 06:58 PM

JO

“ *Jim & Drin Becker - Please accept our sincere sympathy on the passing of your sister, Maryls. Jack & Lee Olson, Detroit Lakes MN*

Jack Olson - October 10, 2014 at 04:08 PM

ME

“ I am a niece of Marlys and am missing her greatly!!! I am deeply saddened by her sudden passing!!! I have written a tribute to her that will be read at the service, but am very, very touched by those who knew Marlys and have posted such nice memories!!! Thank you!!! Michelle (Becker) Ernest, Southern Indiana

Michelle Ernest - October 10, 2014 at 09:19 AM

KR

“ *Becker Family*
Sorry to hear of Marlys's passing. We have enjoyed being neighbors over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ken and Diane Rasmusson

Ken & Diane Rasmusson - October 10, 2014 at 08:32 AM

SL

“ *Marlys and I met during our freshman year at the VC college. We shared many wonderful times together as sisters in the Delphi Society. Over the years we have kept in touch but it has been a long time since we were together face-to-face. I was always impressed by her love of travel to Africa. I am so saddened by the news of her death. May all of you in the family find great comfort knowing she is now completely in God's loving care. I am saddened hearing the news of her death. Loving prayers to all.*
Shirley Bruhn Lindsay

Shirley Bruhn Lindsay - October 09, 2014 at 05:47 PM

MB

“ *I am so, sorry to hear of Maryls' death. We were college friends but had kept in touch. My sympathy to you all. Mary Jane Grotberg Billing*

mary jane billing - October 09, 2014 at 02:24 PM

KH

“ *Becker family - We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you all. We enjoyed having Marlys as our neighbor and our back yard conversations.*

Our hearts are with you.

Wade, Kim and Easton Hesch

Kim Hesch - October 09, 2014 at 11:55 AM