



Marlys Jennie Willson

January 16, 1937 - November 25, 2020

Marlys Willson, 83, Valley City, ND, formerly Litchville, ND, passed away at Bridgeview Estates, Wednesday, November 25, 2020 surrounded by her family.

Marlys Jennie Linn was born on January 16, 1937 to Edgar and Alice (Olufson) Linn in Hastings, ND. She attended school at the rural Hastings school. Marlys was an avid Basketball player and her team won several tournaments, including a state basketball tournament. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1955 and went on to attend Interstate Business College in Fargo, ND. On February 17, 1956 she married Kenneth Willson in Hamilton, Georgia where he was stationed in the US Army. In 1958, they made their home in Lisbon for a short time before making their home in Litchville for many years. When they retired in 2011, they moved to Jamestown. After Ken passed away August 8, 2019, Marlys moved to Bridgeview Estates in Valley City. She sure enjoyed the friends she made there.

She was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Litchville and the Ladies Aid. She loved sewing and baking, which included making buns for several people. She and Avis Nelson went to many craft shows selling their sweatshirts that they had decorated. She babysat many neighboring kids and each one was special to her. Marlys also enjoyed working in the yard. Her grandchildren filled her heart with love and memories.

She will be missed by her children, Becky (Duane) Peterson, Bonnie (Nate) Monson, Tim (Pat) Willson; Jodi (Bob) Thoreson, Jill (Tim) Tangen; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter, Kelci Willson; 3 great grandchildren, Christine and Jasmine Peterson and Cody Little; and a brother Allen.

Visitation will be 1-2 pm Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City with a private memorial service to follow. Inurnment will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Cards or condolences may be directed to Jodie Thoreson, 1109 8th St. SW, Jamestown, ND 58401.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel

251 Central Ave. S.

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Your mom and I shared so many family stories at the beauty shop. What a kind and loving person she was. She will be missed by many.* ”

Audrey Bredeson - December 07, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Your Mom was such a sweet and friendly person. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.* ”

Darren and Robin Miedema

Robin Miedema - December 02, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Marlys Willson Graveside Service* ”



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 01, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Marlys Willson Memorial Service* ”



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 01, 2020 at 09:39 PM

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“ *Obernel Engineering purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marlys Jennie Willson.* ”



Obernel Engineering - December 01, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marlys Jennie Willson.*



November 30, 2020 at 02:41 PM



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Amanda Heck - November 28, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *29 files added to the tribute wall*



Amanda Heck - November 28, 2020 at 07:13 PM

“ Many in Heaven are waiting with open arms and hugs for Marlys. Kenny and Mom and Dad will now be able to rejoice together again. They married the same year 1956 and Mom and Dad spent their Honeymoon in Georgia with your folks. Many good memories of family gatherings in Valley City & Litchville. Mom just loved visiting with her cousin Marlys and she will be missed - always so kind, friendly and wonderful Mom!

2020 has been a difficult year losing our loved ones...Mom, Clayton, Mavis and now sweet Marlys. Love & Hugs to you all!

Mike & Pam (Moderow) Nelson
Casselton, ND

Pam Nelson - November 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM