

Lois Arlene Erickson, age 90, of New Rockford, ND, formerly of McHenry, ND, passed away peacefully on February 24th, 2024 at Essentia Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Lois was born to Wilmer and Ruth (Myers) Vance on October 18th, 1933 in Cooperstown, ND. When she was only weeks old, she and her family moved to McHenry, where she later attended both grade and high school, graduating in 1951. Lois was especially proud of the 1950 girls' basketball team. They had to be flown by plane, three at a time, to the state tournament in Jamestown, because the bad winter storm had blocked roadways.

After high school, Lois attended Interstate Business College in Fargo. Later, she worked for Posi Lock Inc. for several years in McHenry and Cooperstown. Lois and Marlin "Pete" Erickson met while attending high school in McHenry and were married on October 1st, 1953. In the 62 years they shared life on the farm, Lois worked hard as a homemaker and farm wife. In October 2015, she and Pete moved to the Heritage House in New Rockford and gained a whole new family of friends who loved to visit, share stories, and listen to music. Sadly, Pete passed on September 16th, 2023, two weeks shy of what would have been their 70th wedding anniversary.

Lois always had a large vegetable garden, beautiful flower beds, and a kitchen full of wonderful aromas from her cooking/baking. Her love of animals was always special in the way she cared for the numerous cats, dogs, pet lambs, and other fur babies who called the farm home. Lois loved to watch her kids (and later grandkids) participate in their sports, concerts, etc., and was a faithful member of her church. Her sense of humor, her laugh, her strong work ethic, and her love for her family (especially the grandkids and great-grandkids) will be fondly remembered and treasured for years to come by her family and friends.

Lois is survived by her five children: Gary Erickson, Laurie Erickson, Michael (Lisa) Erickson, Christy (Doug) Leier, and Corey (Melissa) Erickson; five grandchildren: Malynda (Travis) Iglehart, Sean (Chelsea) Erickson, Craig (Sarah) Erickson, Taylor (Samantha) Erickson, and Jennifer Erickson; twelve great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her special buddy, Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marlin "Pete"; her parents; and her siblings: Helen (Leif) Aalgaard, Russ (Marcie) Vance, Paul Vance, and Twila Combs.

The family would like to thank everyone for their condolences and prayers during this time. It has been greatly appreciated.

In Loving Memory Of



Lois A. Erickson

OCTOBER 18, 1933 – FEBRUARY 24, 2024

WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?

~Written by a 9-Year-Old

*A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own,
so she likes other peoples little girls.
A grandfather is a man grandmother.
He goes for walks with the boys
and talks about fishing and tractors and like that.*

*Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there.
They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run.
It is enough if they drive us to the market
where the pretend horse is and have lots of dimes ready.
Or, if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things
like pretty leaves or caterpillars.
They shouldn't never say hurry up.*

*Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie kids' shoes.
They wear glasses and funny underwear.
They can take their teeth and gums off.
It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards except with us.
They don't have to be smart,
just answer questions like why dogs hate cats and
how come God isn't married. They don't talk baby talk
like visitors do because it is hard to understand.
When they read they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again.*

*Everybody should try to have one,
especially if you don't have television
because grandmas are the only grownups who've got time.*

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

Lois Arlene Erickson

October 18, 1933 – Cooperstown, ND

February 24, 2024 – Fargo, ND

VISITATION

Thursday, May 2, 2024

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 3, 2024

1:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Amy Kippen

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art ~ Alan Jackson

Supermarket Flowers ~ Ed Sheeran

Amazing Grace ~ Alan Jackson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Lois' Beloved Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

PRIVATE BURIAL

Bethlehem Cemetery, McHenry, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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