

Remembering the life of....

Mary Anna Ruliffson of Fargo, ND died 2-9-19 at the age of 84 at Sanford Palliative Care.

Mary was born June 24, 1934 to DeForest and Edna (Stenberg) Malstrom. As a young girl she grew up on a farm south of Mapleton, ND. Both of her parents were of Swedish descent. Mary attended elementary school in Mapleton and graduated from Fargo Central high school in 1952. She graduated from Phoenix College: Phoenix, AZ in 1954. She attended Arizona State University. She married Paul Ruliffson on March 15th, 1957. They farmed in the Harwood/Prosper area for 38 years. They enjoyed summers at the lake and moved to the Fargo area in 1995.

Music played a large part in her life. She studied voice under Mrs. Joseph Keise at the Concordia Conservatory of Music. She enjoyed college concert choir, sextet, trio and solo work and also played organ and piano.

Mary had been a member of the American Federation of Women's clubs, Prosper Home Advancement, Mapleton Presbyterian church choir, the United Presbyterian Women in Casselton and Mapleton bridge clubs.

Mary did modeling for West Acres, DeLendrecies, and Bonanzaville over the course of 15 years. She was secretary of the 22nd district G.O.P Women. She was on the Farm Bureau Board. She was Worthy Matron of Chapter #16 Order of Eastern Star (50 year member) and most recently a member of the Mecca chapter in Fargo. She was a member of the Fargo Shrine Auxiliary and a member of the First Congregational Church of Fargo.

Due to poor health in her later years she was able to have little company but always dear to her heart were the wonderful memories of the times that she spent with her precious grandchildren.

She is survived by 3 children, Ellen (Steve) Zaeske, Fargo, Russell (Melinda) Ruliffson, Harwood, Roger (special friend-Suzanne) Ruliffson, Fargo/Detroit Lakes, MN; brother: DeForest (Chris) Malstrom, Detroit Lakes, MN; grandchildren, Drew and Jenna Zaeske, Reilee and Rachel Ruliffson.

Preceded in death by husband, Paul Ruliffson; 3 infant brothers; sisters: Vivian Nesemeier, Marjorie Cockerill, Doris Berstler, Charlotte Salzewedel, Donna Preston; and her parents, DeForest and Edna Malstrom.



In Loving Memory



Celebrating the life of
MARY ANNA RULIFFSON



FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel
Casselton, North Dakota
Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Kevin Cassiday-Maloney
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Fargo, North Dakota

Music

David Piper, *soloist*
"Softly and Tenderly"
"How Great Thou Art"
Teresa Buntrock, *pianist*
Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Interment

Casselton Cemetery Casselton, ND

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your kindness, prayers and support. Please join them
at the Vet's Club in Casselton following the service.*



*I said a prayer for
you today and know
God must have heard.
I felt the answer in
my heart although
He spoke no word!*

*I didn't ask for
wealth or fame*

*(I knew you wouldn't mind).
I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!*

*I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day;
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!*

*I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!*

by Kathleen Benton

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