

Remembering the life of....

Elvina A. (Brager) Mickelson, 96, of West Fargo, ND, passed away on Feb 10th at her daughter's home in Grand Forks.

Elvina was born on September 15th, 1924 in Steele County, ND to John O. and Betsy (Sampson) Gleason. The oldest of 8 children, she grew up and attended school for 3 years in Pickert, ND, before transferring to Sherbrooke Township through 8th grade. On December 31st, 1942, she married Marvin Brager in Finley, ND. They lived in Waukegan, IL. for a couple of years while Marvin served in the Navy. Together they welcomed 7 children and were together until Marvin's death on January 7th, 1991. She married her second husband Orvid Mickelson June 12, 1994, in Finley, and they remained together until his passing on November 24, 2000. Following Orvid's death she moved to West Fargo, ND.

Elvina enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking, baking, bowling, and playing cards. She was a member of the Finley Ladies' Aide and a Lifetime Member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was extremely proud to be a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother. She knitted each child a unique afghan. Several varieties of cookies were always ready in ice cream buckets for the impromptu visits which she enjoyed immensely. During her time in West Fargo, she enjoyed her community by sharing meals, and playing bingo and cards. She often shared how important work ethic is; she left home to go to work at age 15 in order to care for 7 children between the ages of 10 months and 11 years. Her pastor brought her to Portland, ND, to care for these children while their parents left for a week upon her arrival. She was proud of how hard she worked, and her diligent saving habits allowed her to build several successful businesses. Those include a mechanic shop, the Standard Station in Finley, ND, and Brager Garbage Disposal (with Marvin). She leaves behind a long and proud legacy.

Elvina is survived by her children, Faye Conzo of Grand Forks, ND, Keary (Sandie) Brager of Fargo, ND, Myron (Karn) Brager of Finley, ND, David (Lorna) Brager of West Fargo, ND, and daughter-in-law Trish Brager of Cooperstown, ND; her grandchildren, William (Edith) Conzo, Sandi (Mike) Harris, Gayle (Scott) Dahlke, Christopher (Sheila) Conzo, Betsy (Blaise) Vicari, Kimberly Bader, Andrea (Kenneth) Wygant, Julie (David) Jansen, Jenessa Brager, Amber (Dustin) Eslinger, Mallory (Joe) Everson, Christian (Renee) Gebeke, Adam (Shannon) Brager, Micah Brager, Traci Brager, and Erick (Joslin) Brager; her 32 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; and 5 siblings, Betty Sweere, Donna (Tom) Cole, Ruth Gullicks, Darlene



In Loving Memory



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside
still waters.

He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever.

Celebrating the life of

ELVINA (BRAGER) MICKELSON



Memorial Service

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

Officiant

Rev. Darrel Olson

Music

Cecelia O'Keefe, *pianist & soloist*

"Only In God"

Congregational Hymns

"In the Garden"

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Bearers

All of Elvina's Grandchildren,
Great-Grandchildren &
Great-Great-Grandchildren

Graveside Service

Finley Cemetery
Finley, ND

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