

On a farm near Pingree, ND, on November 5th 1925, a daughter was born to Joseph and Elna (Carlson) Zdeb. This was a change for them after parenting four sons. Leona Brown, a friend of the family and a midwife, was present at the birth and proved to be the namesake for little Leona Zdeb. Brother Joe, Jr. is responsible for pinning the life long nickname "SIS" on his little sister.

The Zdeb family moved to Valley City, ND, when Leona was two years old. She attended the Training School there through the fifth grade and then enjoyed country life along with the rest of the family dozen when they relocated on a farm south of Valley City.

Eighth grade graduation for Leona was from the King School. This was a county affair and held at Chautauqua Park in Valley City. After attending nearly, a year of high school at St. Catherine's in Valley City, Leona returned to the farm where she was helpful and comfortable.

On June 30th 1943, Leona was united in marriage with James Albert Hendrickson from Eastedge, ND. Three children were born to them: Janice Leona, James LeRoy and David Wayne. The Hendrickson family farmed in Barnes County near Pillsbury and Oriska before purchasing three quarters of land from Grandpa Thill and Grandma Bertha Hendrickson in 1952. Later they bought two quarters, also in the Nome, Fingal area from Nels and Helga Mahlum. These five quarters of land, along with live stock, kept the family well occupied. Yes, there were many satisfying rewards from tilling the soil and caring for the animals.

Because of a demand for teachers and some very lean years on the farm, Leona attended the Fingal High School for one year and passed the GED test for her high school diploma. She then acquired a two-year teaching certificate from Valley City State College in 1963. Leona then commuted to Marion, ND, to teach elementary school for eight and one-half years. Those were enjoyable years for Leona, and the money earned was put to good use, needless to say.

When Jan, Jim Jr, and Dave were grown and gone from the "nest", Leona became more involved with the farming again. Yet she accomplished her personal goal by earning a Bachelor of Science Degree from Valley City State College in 1975.

Due to unhappy circumstances Leona kept her equity but parted from the family farm near Nome in 1979. She resided in Buffalo and Fargo until she moved to Maryhill Manor in Enderlin, where she passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

Leona had numerous interests and hobbies: stitchery, photography, Scrabble, boating, biking, reading, ballooning, playing cards and of course some Bingo.

The closeness of the Zdeb family has been very important and gratifying to Leona.

Leona is survived by her daughter, Janice Van De Kerckhove of Fargo, her son, David Hendrickson of Rapid City, four grandchildren, Steve Langemo of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Brandi Hendrickson of Glenwood, Iowa, David and Tyler Hendrickson of Boise, Idaho. and four great grandchildren.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, three sisters, James A. Hendrickson, and her son, James L. Hendrickson.

ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME



Miss Me But Let Me Go

***Miss me, but let me go. When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free. Miss me a little, but not too long,
Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take. And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart. Go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.***

Safely Home



I am home in heaven, dear ones
Oh! So happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over
Every restless yearning past
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in heaven at last.

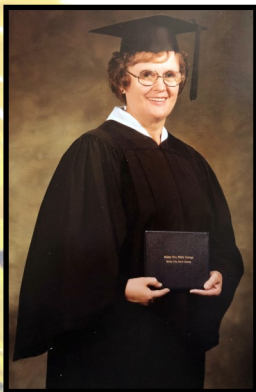
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Ever dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread:
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt of dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth –
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!



LEONA LUCILLE HENDRICKSON

BORN

November 5, 1925
Pingree, North Dakota

DIED

January 27, 2021
Enderlin, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Waldheim Lutheran Church
Kathryn, North Dakota
Monday, February 1, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

CLERGY

Pastor Sharayah Robinson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sylvia Schlagel

PALLBEARERS

Jeff Wurzer Franklin Peterson Randy Sherman
Travis Koller Roger Fuchsgruber Dean Carpenter

INTERMENT

Waldheim Lutheran Cemetery
Kathryn, North Dakota