



## Lillian "Marie" Engelson

January 15, 1946 - January 24, 2012

Lillian "Marie" Engelson, age 66, of Mahanomen, MN, died Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at Kindred Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Lillian Marie Overby was born January 15, 1946 in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Russell and Irene (Pemberton) Overby. Growing up, her family spent time in California before returning to the Twin Cities area. As a young lady, Marie was united in marriage to Richard Hickman. To this union two daughters, Brenda and Shannon, were born. The couple later divorced and Marie then made her home in Mahanomen. In the early 1980's, she met Allen Engelson and they were married on June 9, 1984 in Florida. While living in Florida, Marie worked in restaurant management. After several years, they returned to Mahanomen where they raised two additional sons, Murphy and Michael. Marie began working at the Shooting Star Casino in 1992 in the Marketing Department and due to failing health was forced to take an early retirement.

Marie was a very caring person with a generous spirit and compassionate demeanor. In addition to working at the casino, they opened their doors until 2010, to many foster children for 17+ years. Marie spent the last year and a half at her daughter Shannon's home, where she was able to continue her nurturing and encouragement to her own children and grandchildren. She truly treasured the time she was able to spend with family, especially her grandchildren. As Marie became more stationary she would often take comfort in simply gazing out the window and watching the nearby horses, as to her

they portrayed a sense of tranquility.

In Marie's younger years, she enjoyed horseback riding. She also loved to travel, play Bingo, cook and have family get togethers, particularly around the holidays. Marie held a membership with the Mahnomen American Legion Auxiliary and served as past Treasurer.

Marie is survived by her husband, Al of Mahnomen; children: Brenda (Brian) Hickman, Shannon (Scott) Lee; Murphy (Christy) Engelson and Michael Engelson, all of Mahnomen; nine grandchildren: Jamie, T.J., Paul, Kaitlynn, Kimberli, Makenzie, Haylee, Natalee and Trevor; one great-granddaughter, Jaiden; sisters, Jenny Hoglund of Monticello, MN and Carol (Michael) Johnson, of Lengby, MN; brothers: Cliff (Robin) Overby of Arizona, Michael Overby, also of Arizona, David (Arlene) Bradley of New Mexico and Brad (Roxie) Atwood of New Hope, MN; nephew and godson, Scott Hoglund and several additional nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Barbie and Amy; son, Lonnie; and a set of infant twins.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10:30 am at First Lutheran Church in Mahnomen. There will be visitation one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Marie would come and visit us when we were just kids, many memories of picnics and just getting silly!! I have pictures of her younger days-if you would like them you can reach me at [djgaddes@frontiernet.net](mailto:djgaddes@frontiernet.net)-take care and bless you all-Janet

Janet Overby Gaddes - February 28, 2012 at 06:16 PM

CO

“ My deepest regrets that we cannot be there during this time of sorrow. We will miss Marie and always love her. We know that she will be watching over us as she did when we were kids. Goodbye dear sister, rest in peace.

Cliff and Robin Overby - January 28, 2012 at 04:06 PM

CE

“ Marie you will be missed by all that loved you. I know you are in the Great Spirits hands now. You will always be in our heart.

Celeste - January 27, 2012 at 02:19 PM

CO

“ I have burned cedar and sang Auntie Marie a song. I miss her and will miss sharing jokes and playing slots with her.

Colin - January 27, 2012 at 02:04 PM

YV

“ Marie was a dear cousin who was more like a sister. Marie was always there for me when I needed someone to talk with, to cry with but mostly we laughed. Many happy memories - I will miss you everyday.

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**Yvonne** - January 27, 2012 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Marie was a great sister and a great person, very loving and easy-going. We will miss her. We regret that we can not be in Mahnomon to gather with the family at this time of grief. We offer our love, prayers and sympathy to all the family. Rest in peace Marie.

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**David, Arlene and Diego Bradley** - January 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM

SW

“ Brenda, Murphy, my prayers and thoughts are with your entire family at this sad time. I had some great times with your mom over the years and she will be missed. She always had a hug for me. May God grant her peace and no pain. You have a special guardian angel looking out for you.

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**Sherry Walz** - January 25, 2012 at 06:38 PM