



M. Kathryn Larson

February 26, 1922 - March 1, 2015

M. Kathryn (Sundet) Larson of Gary and Eagan, Minnesota died on March 1, 2015. Kathryn was born February 26, 1922 in Gary, Minnesota, to Peter and Martha (Degerness) Sundet. She graduated from Gary High School and attended Beauticians College in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She married her high school sweetheart, Sherman Larson, on June 26, 1943. They returned to Gary, began farming and raised their four children; Virginia of Eagan, Patricia of Federal Way Washington, Mark of Moorhead and Kristi of Bemidji. Sherman and Kathryn farmed in Norman County until 1975 and were dedicated to the animals and the crops on their diversified farm. They continued to live on their farm in Waukon Township until 2009 when they moved to an assisted living apartment in Burnsville, Minnesota. Kathryn lived in her apartment after Sherman's death until last year and has since been cared for by her daughter, Virginia.

Kathryn's favorite pastimes were flower and vegetable gardening, quilting and sewing, the art of Norwegian embroidery (Hardanger), cooking, baking and everything involved in making a home for her family. She was skilled at driving a tractor, making a wonderful meal; always with dessert, playing a great hand of cards and a competitive game of Scrabble. She continued to enjoy good eyesight, was an avid reader and lifelong learner. She especially enjoyed family, foods and traditions of her heritage, traveling and trips to Norway to spend time with relatives living there. She dealt with losing Sherman, aging with grace and was sweet and kind to her last day. Kathryn was a lifelong

member of Sundal Lutheran Church.

Kathryn is survived by Virginia Kirgiss and her three children: Reid (Jami) Kirgiss, Renae Marsteiner and Rochelle Kirgiss (Dave Feist); Patricia Roragen and her two children, Veronica and Patrick(Loretta) Roragen; Mark (Kristin) and his two children, Taidge and Sarah Larson and Kristi (Tom) Reise and their two children, Kathryn Reise (Josh Faecke) and Mitchell Reise; great-grandchildren: Roarke Roragen and Melanie and Noah Marsteiner; sisters-in law: Grace Ginn of Santa Rosa, California, Bernice Sundet of Twin Valley, Minnesota, Lilly King of Waunakee, Wisconsin, Gladys Sundet of Farmington, Minnesota, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special family friend, Steven Lee. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman C. Larson; parents; brothers: Allan, John, James, Phillip; sisters, Allene and Margaret and son-in-law, Eldon Kirgiss.

A celebration of Kathryn's life will be held at Sundal Lutheran Church of Fertile, Minnesota at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, officiated by Pastor Bill Beyer. Lunch will be served following the service for a time of sharing and remembrances.

Memorials be sent to Lutheran World Relief; 700 Light Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230 or the Heifer Project; One World Avenue Little Rock, Arkansas 72202. Kathryn requested no flowers instead wishing all gifts be directed to alleviate hunger. Cards and memorials may also be sent to Virginia Kirgiss 4565 Lenore Lane, Eagan, MN 55122.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *my sympathy to the family of Katheryn and regret that I could not be there to celebrate her life. You are all in my thoughts.* ”

Ray Degerness - March 07, 2015 at 08:32 PM

JH

“ *Condolences to all family, relatives and freinds.* ”

Jon Hall - March 07, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JS

“ *My sincere sympathies to you all. Kathryn was a grand lady. Her work developing the family tree book several years ago is a gift from her that is shared with my children and will be shared with the generations yet to come.* ”

John A. Sundet - March 04, 2015 at 05:21 PM

RH

“ *My condolences to the Family of Kathryn.* ”

Roger Hermanson - March 03, 2015 at 09:02 AM

MT

“ *Our family's deepest sympathies in your (all of our's) loss in Kathryn, the last of a wonderful family. Kathryn was the most kind and welcoming person I have ever known. She leaves behind many warm and pleasant memories. It was always a fun time when we visited the Larson family. We share in your grief and loss. Marvin and Jo Thorson and family* ”

Marvin Thorson - March 03, 2015 at 08:11 AM

PP

“ Jeannie, Mark, Patricia, Kristi and your families, Thinking of you all and sending our sympathy. My many happy memories bring to comfort in the days ahead. Tonight when you look up to the skies, don't think of them as stars. Think of them as porch lights welcoming you loved one safely home.

Pamela Potthier - March 02, 2015 at 07:02 PM