

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Laura Elizabeth Merkwan

1923 ~ 2020

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

5 p.m.

Friday, July 10, 2020

Goglin Funeral Home

Yankton, SD

CLERGY

Fr. Joe Forcelle

MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“Try to Remember”

Laura was born Sunday, April 15, 1923 to Alfonse V. and Anna (Renkewitz) Walka in Norwich, Connecticut. She graduated from Norwich Free Academy High School in 1941. Laura met her true love, Carson Merkwan while he was stationed at the submarine base in New London, Connecticut during World War II. They were married in Washington, DC March 28, 1945. They moved to South Dakota in 1948 where they raised their four children.

Laura began her working career as a civil service worker in Washington, DC. Throughout her lifetime in Yankton she was employed at Gurney’s Seed & Nursery, Supervalu, Kapitan’s Market, Hasker’s Market, cleaned at Wilson Trailer’s and was the family photographer.

Laura was a dear wife and mother. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, canning produce from her garden and playing games, especially pinochle, whist and cribbage. During her later years she especially enjoyed playing the card game “poop on your neighbor” with Skip and her grandkids. She was an excellent cook and baker. She regularly made kolaches and taught everyone how to make her delicious potato dumplings. She was a true sports fan and enjoyed watching the Twins and Vikings. Watching her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in all their sports and activities was a favorite activity. Laura loved to dance where ever she could find some good polka music. Laura was extremely dedicated to family. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Laura Elizabeth Merkwan, age 97 of Yankton, SD died Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Laura is survived by her sons Millard “Skip” (Laurel) Merkwan of Gayville, SD, Dr. Gary Merkwan of Yankton and daughter Sally (Terry) Stucky of Yankton; son-in-law Larry Wynia of Yankton; grandchildren, Jennifer (Russ Konechne), Scott (Darla) Wynia, Shane Wynia, Dr. Steven (Charina) Wynia, Amanda (Travis) Cox, Carson (Dr. Courtney) Merkwan, Casey (Tina) Merkwan, Robin (Joel) Husman, Mathias (Jarrie) Stucky of Lennox and Carly (Corey) Hnes; great grandchildren Jacob, Zachary and Dagny Anderson, Grace, Jack and Anna Wynia, Ryken and Avery Cox, Gary, Blair and Grant Merkwan, Brix and Axel Merkwan, Ryan and Reese Husman, Josie, Clara and Addy Stucky, Kenzie, Carson and Kate Hnes.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carson Merkwan, daughter Carole Wynia, daughter-in-law Linda Merkwan, sisters Lillian and Mary and brothers Frank, Vincent and Eddie.

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
Are filled with tears for me*

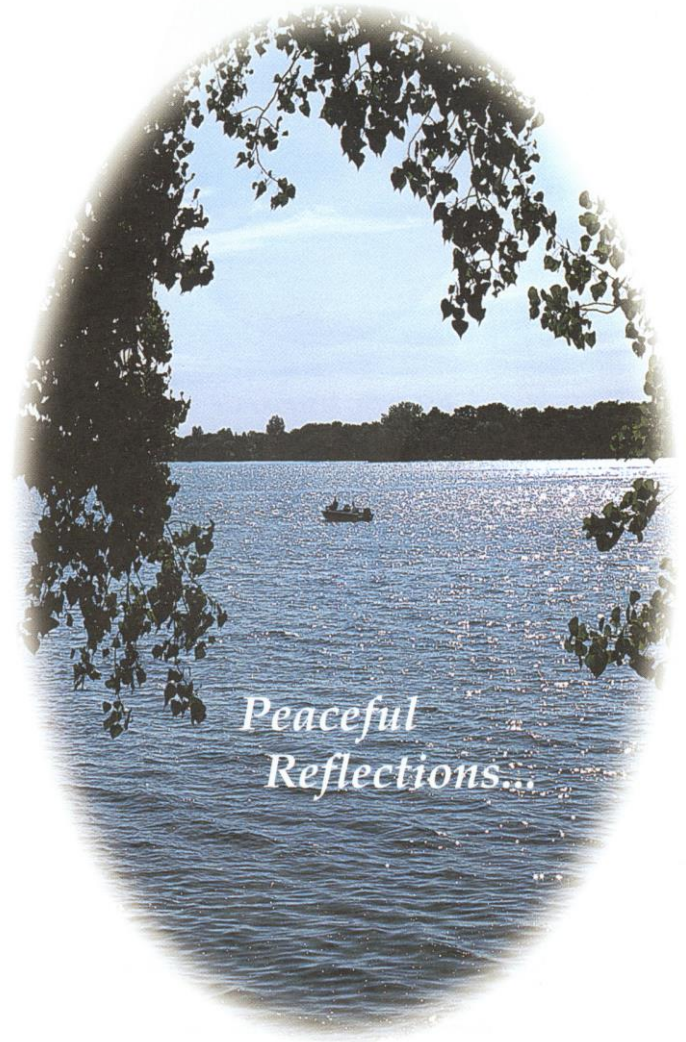
*I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time you think of me
I know you'll miss me too*

*But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand*

*And said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love*

*So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart*



*Peaceful
Reflections...*

Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve
the family and friends of Laura Elizabeth Merkwon



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