

Lois was born March 22, 1932 at Bottineau, ND to Joe and Sarah (Arnason) Hillman. She grew up in Upham, ND and moved to the family farmstead near Concrete, ND with her family. Lois attended school in Concrete through eighth grade and graduated from Cavalier High School in 1950. Lois attended Minot and Mayville State Teacher's College and obtained her teaching certificate. She taught for three years in Pembina County at Hallson, Hensel and Hilltop Schools.

On June 24, 1954, she married (William) Bill Hardy at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Walhalla, ND and they began their life on the farm in south Walhalla. Lois was a dedicated farm wife, doing it all: raising six children, cooking, baking, growing a huge garden, canning, cleaning, crocheting, along with running for parts, fixing fences, and driving grain truck. Grandma Lois was famous for her homemade buns, chocolate chip cookies and brownies, even though she claimed to not like chocolate. Lois volunteered her time as a CCD Teacher, St. Boniface Altar Society, and Pembilier Nursing Center Auxiliary.

In 2018, Lois and Bill moved to North Border Estates in Walhalla and Lois entered Pembilier Nursing Center in September 2022. Lois's family wishes to thank the caregivers at PNC for their wonderful care and compassion.

She is survived by her husband, Bill and her children: Sharon (John) Dunnigan, daughter-in-law, Karen Hardy, Darlene (Richard) Stark, Brian (Julie) Hardy, all of Walhalla, ND, Colleen (Douglas Strand) Hardy, Finley, ND and Kristi (Kevin) Kasprick, West Fargo, ND.; grandchildren: Patrick (Amber) Dunnigan, Kelly (Mike) Brown, Dustin (Karmen) Hardy, Nicole (Adam) Minster, Teri (Joe) Anundson, Brenyn Hardy, Sherry (Aaron) Uselman and Mandi (John) Huus; step-grandchild, Cody (Rachel) Kasprick; great-grandchildren: Taelyn and Tyson Dunnigan, Kasyn and Myleigh Brown, Willa and Dorra Anundson and Hadley and Myles Uselman; sisters-in-law: Gladys Hillman and Linda Fischer; brothers-in-law: Jim (Charlotte) Hardy and Tom (Joanne) Hardy; and several nieces and nephews.

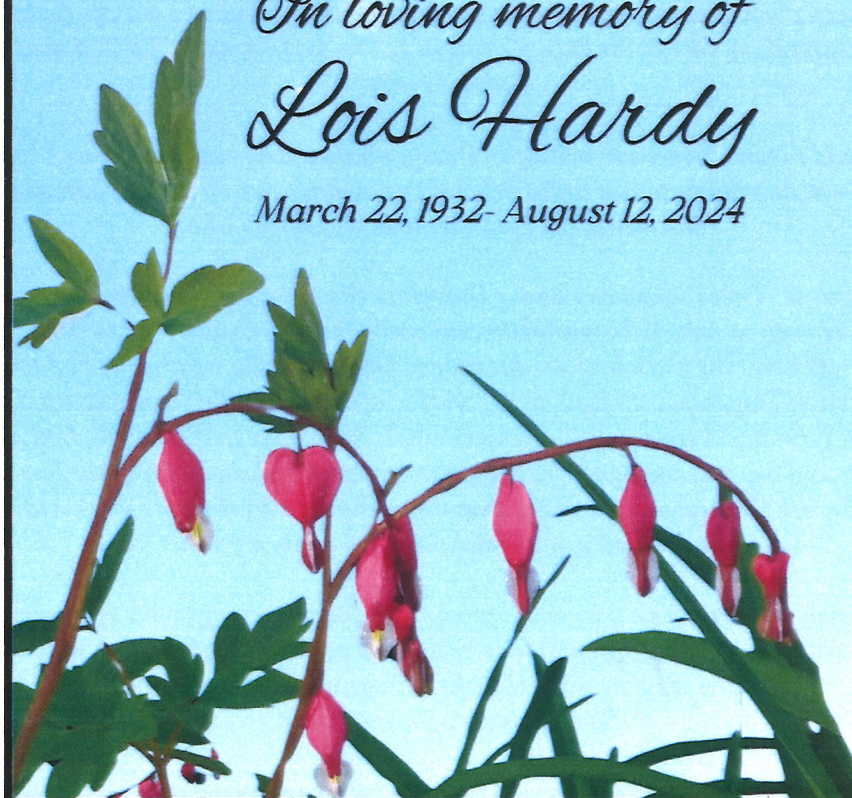
Lois is preceded in death by her son, Don Hardy; parents, Joe and Sarah Hillman; sister and brother-in-law, Lyle and JoAnn Hardy; brother, Greemer Hillman; brother-in-law, Tom Fischer.

Lois G.S. Hardy, 92, of Walhalla, ND passed away Monday, August 12, 2024 at the Pembilier Nursing Center in Walhalla.



In loving memory of
Lois Hardy

March 22, 1932- August 12, 2024



So God Made a Farmer's Wife

And on the 9th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "The farmer is going to need help". So God made a Farmer's wife.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, make breakfast, get the kids off to school, work all day preparing meals, tending the garden, and alongside her farmer, make supper, wash the dishes, and then run the kids to town for their activities and stay up helping with homework." So God made a Farmer's wife.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to keep up with the farmer yet gentle enough to cuddle a newborn baby. Somebody to run for parts, help in the fields, move trucks, deliver meals, look the farmer in the eyes and tell him 'I love you and the life we've built' – and mean it". So God made a Farmer's wife.

God said, "I need someone willing to sit up all night with their newborn babies, and raise them right. I need someone who can stretch a dollar or thicken a soup, feed the family and guests and doesn't mind getting dirty, who can remove stains, and keep a house clean. And when it's planting time and harvest season, cooking, cleaning, taking care of the kids, putting in 115 hours in a week." So God made a Farmer's wife.

God had to have somebody willing to change plans and be ready at a horn's honk or a minute's notice to run to the field and yet will never stop to complain about this way of life. So God made a Farmer's wife.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clean out bins and fix fences, yet gentle enough to raise kids, grandkids and bottle feed calves and tend to the house, who will drive the truck and always pray to God about the weather. It had to be someone willing to put up food for the winter, always have the refrigerator full, do all the farm bookkeeping and secretarial work. Somebody to seed, weed, feed and wash and dry and cook and clean and remember birthdays and feed the family and stock the cupboards and can everything, finish a hard week's work with a nine-mile drive to Sunday Mass. So God made a Farmer's wife.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, then sigh and then reply with open smiling blue eyes when her children say they want to be as strong and faithful as she is. "
So God made a Farmer's wife.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Boniface Catholic Church - Walhalla, North Dakota

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Jason Asselin

ALTAR SERVERS & GIFT BEARERS

Lois's Great-Grandchildren

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"On this Day, Oh Beautiful Mother"

"Nearer My God to Thee"

Bernadine Kopf, Organist LaRae Horgan, Cantor

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art" "On Eagle's Wings"

Kelly Brown, Soloist

CASKET BEARERS

*Patrick Dunnigan Dustin Hardy Brenyn Hardy Mike Brown
Adam Minster Joe Anundson Aaron Uselman John Huus*

INTERMENT

Beaulieu Cemetery - Walhalla, North Dakota