

*Remembering the life of...*

Louise Hokanson, the heart of the family, 99, of Fergus Falls, gained her angel wings on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Louise Elaine Hanson was born April 5, 1924 to Karl and Clara (Anderson) Hanson in Fergus Falls, MN. She grew up on the family farm with her seven siblings and attended country school in Buse Township. Louise always spoke of her early years with fond memories. Life in that day may not have been easy, the antics and shenanigans between her and her siblings helped them make the most of living

through The Great Depression. Her favorite story to tell, was her attempt at smoking and in turn burnt down the family outhouse.

On October 30, 1949, Louise married Clifford Erickson and together they had two beautiful daughters, Pamela Rae and Patricia Kay. Louise and Clifford owned and operated the Eat-More Café in Fergus Falls and later sold the business. He passed away July 23, 1963.

Louise worked for many years at JCPenney where she was the friendly face everyone remembers. After numerous t-shirt purchases at JCPenney and attempts to ask Louise out on a date, Austin Hokanson finally got up the nerve. The two were married September 17, 1983 at Augustana Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. They loved to travel and they were inseparable until his death on November 24, 2003.

She was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, where she taught Sunday School. She was also a member of the "Golden Girls" and "McDonald's Breakfast Club".

Spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was the highlight of her life. Louise also loved any time spent with her family and friends. Her home was a gathering place for many and she welcomed with open arms all who wanted to visit. She loved it when people stopped over, she always had coffee and baked goods for everyone. She also enjoyed baking, gardening, going for walks, sewing/quilting, and attending church.

Preceding her in death were her husbands, Clifford Erickson and Austin Hokanson; daughter, Pamela Carlson-Marstrand; parents, Karl and Clara Hanson; sister, Mae, and brothers, Vernon, Karl Jr., Reynold, Norman, Conrad, Harold, and Reynold (infant).

Louise is survived by her daughter, Patricia Wilkinson (John Gillund); grandchildren, Jennifer (Roger) French, Rebecca (Jay) Montgomery, Sara (Kyle) Eide, and Matthew Wilkinson; great-grandchildren, Emily (Dustin) Tilseth, Sara, Andrew, Austin, Sam, Rae, Evan, and John; great-great-grandchildren, Stella and Violet, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

*Blessed be the memory of Louise Hokanson*

*In Loving Memory of*



*Louise E. Hokanson*  
*April 5, 1924 ~ February 27, 2024*



## *Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,

*In death we do the same.*

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;  
for part of us went with you

*the day God called you home.*

You left us peaceful memories  
your love is still our guide;  
and though we cannot see you,

*you are always at our side.*

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one

*the chain will link again.*

*Ron Tranmer*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Louise Elaine Hokanson*

April 5, 1924      February 27, 2024

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Monday, March 4, 2024

Augustana Lutheran Church ~ Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**CLERGY**

Reverend Amy Kelly

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*John 14:1-6 ~ Psalm 23 ~ John 11:25-26*

**MUSIC**

Susan Sanner ~ Organist

Dennis Johnson ~ Vocalist

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

*"Because He Lives"*

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

**Congregational Hymns**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Andrew Johnson ~ Roger French ~ Dennis Youngberg

David Youngberg ~ Doug Hanson ~ Mark Hanson

Dan Hanson ~ Tim Hanson ~ Wayne Hanson ~ Jeff Hanson

**CASKET BEARERS**

Matthew Wilkinson ~ Kyle Eide ~ Sam Lundeen ~ Evan French

Jay Montgomery ~ John Montgomery ~ Christopher Youngberg

**INTERMENT**

Knollwood Memorial Gardens ~ Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**APPRECIATION**

We gratefully acknowledge your attendance and many kind  
expressions of sympathy during our time of loss.

Please join us for lunch following the service.

*~ The family of Louise Hokanson*