

Marian Ellen Flatau, 91, was called home to be with her Savior on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. She was born on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1928, in Frazee, MN, middle of three children, to Otto and Emma (Ratz) Richter. She was raised on the family farm in Hobart Township. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN. Marian attended Lake Sybil Country School, St. John's Lutheran School, Vergas, and Frazee High School where she graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1945.

Following Marian's graduation at the age of 16 she was recruited to be the bookkeeper for the Frazee Creamery where she worked until her marriage. During the summer of 1945 while Marian was doing the work she loved on the family farm a helpful young man on the threshing crew offered to lift the cream cans into the cooler for her. A romance began and Marian and Rodney were married on October 1, 1947 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN. They were blessed with four children. Together they farmed in Hobart Township for 40 years and she resided in her farm home for 72 years. During the farming years Marian managed driving the tractor, cooking the meals, gardening and canning, milking the cows and raising the four children, all of which she loved doing. Their farm was a full partnership for both Marian and Rodney.

Marian can be remembered for her genuine love for people and her interest in their lives. Over the years friends of her children, close & distant relatives, neighbors and acquaintances would come for a visit and conversation and leave as friends. Her positive attitude, warmth, graciousness and hospitality were evident in how often the cookies and coffee were on the table ready to welcome visitors.

Marian used her God-given gifts to serve her Lord in a variety of ways which included: a founding member of the Hope Homemakers, Sunday school and Vacation Bible school teacher, 4-H leader for the Eagerettes 4-H Club, an officer of her local, zone and district Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Hobart Township Clerk for over 20 years.

Marian loved the outdoors. She thrived on the time she could spend outside doing chores, hanging laundry, sweeping the deck, and feeding the outdoor furnace. As the years went by this time was her quiet time and a way for her to be renewed and refreshed.

Marian's strong faith and demonstrations of God's love were a mainstay for her surviving family which include: Jean (Tom) Tester, Crookston, MN; Susan Flatau, Perham, MN; Beverly (Glen) Olsen, Baxter, MN; and daughter-in-law Debbie Flatau, Frazee, MN. Nine grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren: Michelle (Wade) Weisenburger, Ty, Elise & Nora; Jason (Lindsey) Tester, Addison, Aubrey & Autumn; Josh (Leah) Tester, Teagan & Callie; Erik (Heather) Olsen, Chase, Cayden, Chloe & Claire; Leah (Steve) Swenson, Peyton, Cole, Calvin & Finn; Christian (Hanna) Olsen; Laura (Chris) Petrie, Jonas, Kara & Eli; Elizabeth (Tino) Leone, Joel, Janna & Joslyn; Karl (Emily) Flatau, Brinley, Hudson & Molly; and eight step-great-grandchildren: Jimmy, Shelsey, Josie, Dawson & Dalton Honer, Natasha, Riley & Bailey License; sister Hazel Johnson, sister-in-law Lorraine Flatau and brother-in-law Walt Johnson.

She was preceded in death by husband Rodney, son Donald, parents Otto & Emma Richter, parents-in-law Albert & Elsie Flatau, brother & sister-in-law Vernon & Ruth Richter, brother-in-law Levi Johnson, sister-in-law Violet Johnson, sister-in-law & brother-in-law Rhoda & Bud Koehnen, brother-in-law Vernon Flatau.



# *Celebrating The Life Of Marian Ellen Flatau 1928 ~ 2019*



*When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.  
(Take My Hand Precious Lord)*



*In Loving Memory*

# *Marian Ellen Flatau*

**Date of Birth**  
August 13, 1928  
Frazee, Minnesota

Age 91

**Date of Death**  
August 27, 2019  
Perham, Minnesota

## **Funeral Service**

Saturday, September 7, 2019 ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Frazee, Minnesota

## **Officiant**

Pastor Ed Borchardt

## **Organist**

Kathy Carlson

## **Casket Bearers**

Karl & Emily Flatau  
Tino & Liz Leone  
Christian & Hanna Olsen  
Erik & Heather Olsen  
Chris & Laura Petrie  
Steve & Leah Swenson  
Jason & Lindsey Tester  
Josh & Leah Tester  
Wade & Shelly Weisenburger

## **Interment**

Flatau Cemetery  
Hobart Township, Minnesota

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

***Psalms 100:1-5***

