

Mary Lorraine Poppen

Mary Lorraine (Blahna) Poppen was born March 15, 1922, to Elizabeth and Leonard Blahna in Bordulac, ND. She grew up on her family's farm outside of Kensal, ND, the fifth of eight children. Her siblings referred to her as "sis". She attended country school and graduated from Kensal High School in the spring of 1939. After graduating from Valley City Teacher's College Mary began teaching in a one room schoolhouse in Wyndmere Township in the fall of 1940. Mary and George were married on the Poppen farmstead on June 7, 1943.

Mary and George raised their five children on their farm west of Wyndmere. Mary was a dedicated farm wife, mother and grandmother. She taught Sunday school, was a 4-H advisor and acted as a cub scout leader. She was a beautiful writer, a skilled seamstress and an amazing cook. Her beef roast was a family favorite, and she was well known for her fabulous Krumkake. Mary participated in many church activities at the Evergreen Methodist Church in Wahpeton including sewing quilts. When Mary and George weren't busy farming they found time to travel, first with their children and later as a couple. They traveled to places as far away as Alaska, Australia and Tahiti.

In 2003, Mary moved to Wahpeton to continue her participation in her church and spend more time with her children and grandchildren. Mary was a resident at the Twin Town Villa at the time of her passing in the early morning of June 12, 2022, at the age of 100.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 50 years, George, and both of their siblings. She is survived by her children Sandra Dianne (Tony) Vetter, Dennis George (Susan) Poppen, Charles Dallis (Kim), Mary Jolene Gramm and John Dale (Diane) Poppen; as well as grandchildren Wanda Sigurdson, Jon Vetter, Stephanie Poppen, Christa Wagner, Jason Gram m, James Poppen, George Poppen, Dietrich Poppen, Charlie Poppen, Sam Poppen, Michael Poppen, John Poppen and 17 great grandchildren.



In Loving Memory of
Mary Lorraine Poppen



Born

March 15, 1922
Bordulac, North Dakota

Passed Away

June 12, 2022
Breckenridge, Minnesota

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Evergreen Methodist Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Mary Ann Bernard

Musicians

Alicia Blaufuss - Soloist
Sandy Olson - Accompanist
"Old Rugged Cross" - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Congregational Hymn

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Pallbearers

Jon Vetter, Jason Gramm
James Poppen, Charlie Poppen, Sam Poppen
Michael Poppen, John Poppen

Interment

Fairview Memorial Gardens - Wahpeton, North Dakota

*If this were my last day I'm almost sure
I'd spend it working in my garden.
I would dig about my little plants, and try
to make them happy, so they would endure
long after me. Then I would hide secure
where my green arbor shades me from the sky,
and watch how bird and bee and butterfly
came hovering to every flowery lure.
Then, as I rested, perhaps a friend or two,
lovers of flowers would come, and we would walk
About my little garden paths and talk
of peaceful times when all the world seemed true.
this may be my last day, for all I know;
What a temptation just to spend it so!*

Anne Higginson Spicer



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