

Marlene Jonette (Anderson) Porter was born on June 25, 1932, in Carlos Township, Douglas County, Minnesota to Arthur and Leona (Rassat) Anderson. She attended Central School in Alexandria. She worked as a waitress at her father's café called the Maid-Rite Coffee Shop with her brother, Arthur Jr. Marlene then later worked at Travelers Inn.

Marlene was blessed with a daughter, Sue Ann and worked as a homemaker. She lived with her parents and was their caregiver until their passing. Marlene loved children and when her granddaughters were born, she enjoyed watching and being with them as much as possible.

Marlene loved shopping and stopping at Kentucky Fried Chicken afterwards. She was very proud of her beautiful flower gardens and enjoyed sewing, making hair bows for her granddaughters and great nieces and doll clothes. Marlene enjoyed reading, completing word finds and watching her daytime soap operas on tv. She loved her savior and found comfort reading her devotionals and in her prayers.

Marlene was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Marlene died on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at Alomere Health in Alexandria at the age of 87. She is survived by her daughter, Sue Ann (Allen) Klimek of Alexandria; granddaughters, Melissa (Jason) Mathews of Osakis and Jessica (Paul) Norling of Alexandria; great-grandchildren, Philip (Kayla Sorenson) Mathews, Cora Mathews, KayLee (Dylan Brecht) Nieland, and Gracie Norling; sister-in-law, Gloria Anderson; and many nieces and nephews. Marlene is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Leona; sister, Lorraine Porter; brother, Arthur Jr; brother-in-law, Roy Porter; and nephew, Terry Porter.

A special Thank You to the staff at Edgewood Vista and Alomere Health ICU department for all the care and compassion you provided to Marlene.

### *The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

### *In Memory of* **Marlene J. Porter**

June 25, 1932



January 22, 2020

**Funeral Service**  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Friday, January 31, 2020  
3:00 PM



#### **Officiant**

Reverend Angie Larson

#### **Organist**

Kim Byrne

#### **Soloist**

Ron Anderson

#### **Casket Bearers**

Allen Klimek	Jason Mathews
Paul Norling	KayLee Nieland
Philip Mathews	Cora Mathews
Gracie Norling	

#### **Honorary Casket Bearers**

(Marlene's Nieces and Nephews)

Sandy Dvorsak	Patricia Odegard
Kathryn Porter	LaVonne Benson
Teresa Roquette	Sharon Sauer
Ron Anderson	Dennis Anderson

#### **Interment**

Kinkead Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota