

Sylvia's family would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the staff at Emmanuel Nursing Home and Hospice of the Red River Valley. Your care and comfort during Sylvia's last days will always be remembered.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, James Herfendahl.

Sylvia is survived by her two daughters: Lori Anderson (Lindy Rierson) of Christine, ND, and Julie (Pete) Randolph of Detroit Lakes. In addition she is survived by six grandchildren: Jamie Anderson (Larry Larson), Travis (Donna) Anderson, Ashley (Jacob) Manly, Alexa (Jared) Mairs, Chris Hanson and Melissa Hanson along with seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Marilyn Somers of Fergus Falls.

Sylvia Geraldine Helseth was born August 29, 1936 in Barnesville, MN to Henry and Clara (Haga) Helseth. She graduated from Battle Lake High School in 1954. After high school she attended Moorhead State Teachers College. Sylvia was united in marriage to James Herfendahl on May 20, 1958. After marriage they moved to California for a short period of time. In 1960, they moved to Fergus Falls where Sylvia worked for OtterTail County Human Services. In 1967, she accepted a position with Becker County as the Administrative Assistant to the Becker County Human Services Director, a position she held for over 23 years. Sylvia and Jim enjoyed traveling to California visiting family. Sylvia enjoyed a good conversation with anyone willing to visit; she also enjoyed fishing, reading and her coffee groups. For over 15 years, Sylvia battled breast cancer. She never once complained over this time, and always maintained a positive attitude and outlook on life. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be deeply missed.

*Sylvia G. Herfendahl, age 82, Detroit Lakes, died Sunday, December 23, 2018
at Ecumen - Emmanuel Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.*

*With Fondness We Remember
Sylvia*



Reunited December 23, 2018



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Sylvia G. Herfendahl

Date of Birth
August 29, 1936
Barnesville, MN

Date of Death
December 23, 2018
Detroit Lakes, MN

Celebration of Life
Saturday, December 29, 2018 ~ 11:00am
~ David-Donhower Funeral Home ~
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiant
Lauryl Ivers, Hospice Chaplain

Special Music
Tim Eggebraaten, Soloist
"Kiss An Angel Good Morning"

Congregational Hymn
"Amazing Grace"

Urn Bearer
Pete Randolph