



In Loving Memory



Joyce Tongen

December 11, 1926 - November 27, 2023



Joyce was born on December 11, 1926, to Olafur and Ethel (Bjornson) Einarson in Mountain ND. She grew up on the farm near Milton, ND. She was an alumna of Milton High School and went on to further her education at Mayville State College. She was a schoolteacher for Park Center Rural school near Walhalla. She met her husband, Clair E Tongen, at a country dance and married on December 31, 1946, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Mountain ND. They made their home initially on the farm near Walhalla, and later moved to Cavalier where they raised their youngest child. Joyce resided in the Borg Nursing Home for quite some time where she was loved by all. Joyce was an excellent cook and baker as well as a wonderful mother and very proud Grandma. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and was an active member of the Presbyterian Church both in Park Center and Cavalier. She enjoyed walking and volunteering at the Cavalier Thrift Store in her later years.

Survivors include her children: Constance Graham and children Sean (Elane) Graham and Heather Graham; Joel (Loretta) Tongen and children Erik and Adam (Ana) Tongen; Karen (Darrell) Kemnitz and children Ryan (Jenna) Kemnitz and Rachel (Marcus) Ramsay; Becky (Lynn) Ault and children Stephanie, Julie (Nik) Kemnitz, Katelyn and Richard "Ricky". Great Grand Children: Finnegan, Mason, and Samantha Graham, Bodie Graham, Harper and Holden Tongen, Ava, Henry, and Everett Kemnitz, Nora and Jade Ramsay, Ivy and Charlee Kemnitz; and her sister, Beverly Bleakley

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband Clair Tongen, parents Olafur and Ethel Einarson, brothers Dennis Einarson and Bill Einarson, sisters Judy Klindt, Lorraine Chaput, Fern Stabo, Olivia Veer, Mavis Akset, Doreen Nelson, and sister Inga who died as a child. Also preceding her in death is her son-in-law, Richard (Dick) Graham.

Joyce Ethel Tongen, 96, of Cavalier, ND, passed away Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Borg Pioneer Memorial Home, Mountain, ND.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, December 1, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

***Askew Funeral Home
Cavalier, North Dakota***

CLERGY

Rev. Beth Peterson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"On Eagle's Wings"

CASKET BEARERS

All of Joyce's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Hillside Cemetery

Walhalla, North Dakota