


Eileen J. Meslow

Eileen Jeannette Waswick was born June 11, 1932, to Earl and Jeannette (Egge) Waswick in Sioux Falls, SD, where she was baptized at the East Side Lutheran Church. She and her family would move to the Walcott area in 1936. On September 21, 1947, Eileen was confirmed at the Viking Lutheran Church in rural Wyndmere. She attended grade school in Viking and Garborg Townships, and graduated from Wyndmere High School in 1950. She attended Valley City State University and taught elementary school in Garborg #4 for two years. In 1952, she attended Interstate Business School in Fargo, ND, and worked for the Standard Oil Company.

When she was 12, she met Eugene Meslow at Viking Lutheran Church, where they both attended. The two would eventually start a courtship. On June 25, 1953, Eileen and Eugene were united in marriage at the same church where they met. Just days after they were married, Eugene was deployed, and Eileen lived in Fargo until his safe return. The couple made their home in Fargo until 1959, when they moved to the family farm in Walcott, where they would raise their children.

Eileen truly loved being a farmer's wife, mother, and a dedicated homemaker. She was a faithful servant to her Lord, was the family's role model, and always saw the good in people. She enjoyed making lefse, gardening, and planting flowers, but most of all she enjoyed her family. Eileen's true joy were her 13 grandchildren who blessed her with 30 great-grandchildren.

Eileen is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Eugene; children, Wayne (Wanda) Meslow, Brian (Janelle) Meslow, Dawn (Mitch) Mahrer, Jayne (Dennis) Johnk; grandchildren, Shannon (John) Score, Jennifer (Kara) Meslow, Kelly (Ashley) Meslow, Carolyn (Kristian) Simcox, William (Trish) Kuchera, Jacob (Quinne) Meslow, Michael (Kayla) Mahrer, Heather (Chad) Koziol, Kyle (Kaia) Mahrer, Krista (Dylan) Schuster, Matthew (Ashley) Johnk, Casey (Brittnei) Johnk, Christopher (Sidney) Johnk; and 30 great-grandchildren whom she truly adored. Sisters-in-Law, Muriel Odin, Geneva Waswick, and Carol Waswick; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Jeannette; brothers, Harold, Leonard, and Arthur Waswick; sisters-in-law, Connie Waswick and Coretta (Raymond) Evenson; brother-in-law, Lloyd Odin; and an infant great-granddaughter, Aunika Mahrer. 

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1932 - 2023

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of
Eileen J. Meslow



I felt the light of heaven it was shining
down on me, I heard His voice,
He called my name, "my child,
come follow Me;" There is
no pain, there is no hurt
nor sadness anywhere,
In heaven there is joy
and love and I'll be
waiting there; For on
the day I left this earth
I felt your many tears,
and now I watch you from
above and keep you very
near; It hurts to be apart from
me, but be patient for the day,
When we meet again in love and peace
when you too come this way.

-Stephanie Clarke



Born

June 11, 1932 | Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Passed Away

June 13, 2023 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

91 Years | 2 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Monday, June 19, 2023
Viking Lutheran Church | Rural Walcott, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Joel Russel

Violinist

Kaia Mahrer

Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | "How Great Thou Art"
"Because He Lives" | "Blessed Assurance"

Honorary Pallbearers

Eileen's Granddaughters

Pallbearers

Eileen's' Grandsons
Michael Mahrer | Kyle Mahrer | Kelly Meslow | Matthew Johnk
Casey Johnk | Bill Kuchera | Chris Johnk | Jacob Meslow

Interment

Viking Lutheran Cemetery | Rural Walcott, North Dakota