

Arleen R. Faltersack, 96, of Detroit Lakes, died Friday, February 22, 2019 in Essentia-Oak Crossing Nursing Home.

Arleen Ruth Hawthorne was born on Christmas Day 1922 in a farmhouse near Alpha, MN, to Harry and Clara (Lehmann) Hawthorne. When she was a small child, her family moved to Elysian, MN, where she attended school and grew to womanhood. She was a tomboy, playing shortstop on a girls' softball team, spending hours swimming, roller skating, spending teenage summers with her dad hauling milk and cream cans to the creamery from area farms.

She met the love of her life, Raymond Faltersack, when she was 13 when they would attend outdoor movies together. When she was 17, they ran away in a borrowed vehicle and were married on Oct. 21, 1940, in Estherville, Iowa. After their marriage they farmed with Ray's parents in the Elysian area. When the farm was sold in 1948, they drove "up north" to find a farm of their own. They stopped at the Cozy Coach store in Westbury while searching for a farm and ended up buying the store which Arleen managed until they sold it in 1967. At that time they built a home on Cozy Cove Road near Floyd Lake. Raymond died in 1996 and Arleen continued living there until the fall of 2007 when she moved to Silver Birch Apartments in Detroit Lakes.

Ray and Arleen enjoyed many activities together: travelling all over the US, fishing, hunting & camping in several states, and spending many winters in Texas. A good shot, she bagged her share of deer & caught as many fish as anyone else. With abundant wild game they brought home, she became an excellent preparer of deer, antelope, fish, duck, geese, pheasant, turtle, etc.

Her family will always cherish her beautiful quilts and afghans which she made until her failing eyesight and arthritic hands prevented her from continuing. She also enjoyed gardening in the summer and watching the MN Twins. Her family will always miss her chocolate-covered cherries at Christmas.

She is survived by son Thomas (Joan) of West Fargo, daughters Shirley (Jerome) Spry of Callaway, Geraldine (Harold) Askelson of Detroit Lakes, 14 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, parents, sisters, brother, granddaughter Susan and great-grandson Tanner preceded her in death.



Arleen R. Faltersack

December 25, 1922 ~ February 22, 2019

Celebrating the Blessed Life of
Arleen R. Faltersack



*When tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand;
The angel said my place is ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,
I felt so much at home,
for God looked down, smiled at me,
and told me "Welcome Home."
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there, in your heart.*



Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, March 1, 2019 - 11:00 am
Assumption Catholic Church
Callaway, Minnesota
Monsignor David Baumgartner, ***Celebrant***

Reader

Mark Askelson

Eulogist

Mike Spry

Special Music

Avis Flottomesch, ***Organist***

Gina Steffl, ***Cantor***

Eucharistic Minister

Ginger Flynn



Gift Bearers

Tom Flynn
Ginger Flynn

Casket Bearers

Arleen's Nine Grandsons

Mark Askelson, Tom Faltersack, Paul Faltersack, Jeff Faltersack
David Faltersack, Mike Spry, Curt Spry, Bruce Spry and Steve Spry

Honorary Casket Bearers

Arleen's Five Granddaughters

Sally Steffen, Julie Molacek, Lisa Kiehl
Sarah Skalin and Lori Foltz

Spring Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Callaway, Minnesota