

*Mavis Helen Allan* was born at Flasher, North Dakota to James F. Weekes and Dora (Colburn) Weekes in 1925. She was part of a family of ranchers and grew up a cowgirl at heart. She graduated from Almont High School in 1943. She attended Dickinson Normal School and taught school for 3 years. Married Robert V. Allan at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck in 1947 and worked at A.W. Lucas Co. in Bismarck for 2 years. She and her family moved to Dickinson in 1953 where her husband became manager of Vantine Paint and Glass. She studied interior decorating through The Chicago School of Interior Design. She had a keen eye for interior design and worked as a decorator for Vantine Paint and Glass. She purchased Vantine Paint and Glass with husband and son, Robert Allan, in 1975 and changed the name to Allan's Decorating Center, where she continued to bring her design skills to the business. They sold the store in 1985 but she continued to use her decorating and business skills as a landlord for her apartments in Dickinson. With the store sold, she and her husband would spend the winter in Lake Havasu City in Arizona, continuing until his death in 1990. Mavis was a golfer and enjoyed golfing with her husband and her friends. She also loved playing bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs. In her retirement she continued to travel, accompanying her son Tom on trips for conferences and through his work as a campus minister. She also turned her artistic skills to painting and created many wonderful works of art through the years. In 2017, she moved into the Green Oaks Senior living center in Libertyville Illinois, closer to her grandson Trent, his wife Dana and her great grandchildren Ryder and Independence (Indy). She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son Charles Thomas (Tom), two brothers Jim and Martin, and a sister Arlene. She is survived by her son Robert with his wife Paulette, and a grandson Trent with his wife Dana and her great-grandchildren Ryder and Independence (Indy).



In Loving Memory

*Mavis Allan*

March 10, 1925 - January 29, 2022





# Mavis Allan

## **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Monday, May 16, 2022 10:00 am  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **PRAYER SERVICE:**

Sunday, May 15, 2022 7:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **OFFICIATING:**

Pastor Lisa Lewton

## **MUSIC:**

Sheryl Hewson  
Michael Stevenson

## **URNBEARER:**

Trent Allan

## **INURNMENT:**

Dickinson Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the church basement  
following the committal service.  
Everyone is welcome.*



*The Magnificent Defeat  
By Frederick Buechner*

*It is not unusual when a person dies for the people who knew her best and loved her most to try to remember the last time that they ever saw her or the last time, like Christmas for instance, or somebody's birthday or a picnic on the beach, when they all come together, perhaps ate together, when they were together in a special way that people who love each other are, at some special moment like that. And then, as time goes by and Christmas comes around again, or that birthday or another picnic on that same beach, the person who has died is apt to be very much in the minds of the people who are there. They may never actually mention her name for fear of seeming sentimental or of upsetting the others or perhaps just from fear of upsetting themselves, but that does not greatly matter. Because the air rings loud, of course, with the name they do not mention, and in a unique sense she is with them there, the absent one. She is there in memory, at least as a lump in the throat but maybe as much more than that. She may be there in presence, a benediction, a terrible reproach, or possibly as all of these at once.*