

Marlys Rae "Molly" Mathiason

was born on July 13, 1930 in rural Pekin, ND. She was the daughter of Alfred and Sena (Otteson) Opoien. She was the 11th of 13 children born to Sena and Alfred. She was welcomed by 6 sisters and 4 brothers. She attended school in Pekin and graduated with the class of 1948. She then took a short college course at Mayville State College to teach in rural schools. She married Erling Sigdahl on March 28, 1951. They had six girls from their union: Marcy (Tom) Sedler, Mona Marquart, Melanie (Roger) Stein, Elise (Jake) Kasten, Estelle Sigdahl, Erlene (Jeff) Schwartz. They divorced the fall of 1970. Molly continued raising her girls in Tolna, ND where she was employed by Tolna School as the Secretary. In the summer of 1975 she took a job in Fairdale, ND as a bookkeeper and school bus driver. She enjoyed her life in Fairdale. She was an avid walker. She will be remembered by some for her many Fairdale miles. She enjoyed her church, reading for Sunday Services and joined various auxiliary groups. She married Harvey Mathiason on October 20, 1979. They made their home on the Mathiason family farm at Fairdale and they enjoyed wintering in Apache Junction, AZ. Harvey passed away December 28, 1993. Molly is survived by her six daughters and Harvey's 4 children, Dale (Nan) Mathiason, Debby (Donavon) Diseth, Diane Ness, Dean (Becky) Mathiason. 26 Grandchildren and 31 Great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Sena and Alfred Opoien, by her loving husband Harvey Mathiason, 12 brothers and sisters: Alfred, Jon, Amy Howell, Beulah Gaarder, Ardis Nilep, Shirley Haas, Margaret Mannie, Marjorie Thoreson, Wallace, Bernard, Allan and Jim. Blessed be their Memories.



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July 13, 1930 - August 21, 2021





Molly Mathiason

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

OFFICIATING:

Jodi Myrvik

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Molly's Grandchildren
& Great-Grandchildren

INURNMENT:

St. Olaf Cemetery
Fairdale, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Your Mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of leaves
as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of flowers you have picked
and the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow
when you're not feeling well.

She's your breath in the air
on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain
that lulls you to sleep,

the colors of a rainbow,
she is Christmas morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's the place you came from,
your first home,

and she is the map you follow
with every step you take.

She was your first love
and best friend.

Nothing on earth can separate you -
not time, nor space...

or even death.

You were very special to all your loved ones
and we will always love you Mom.