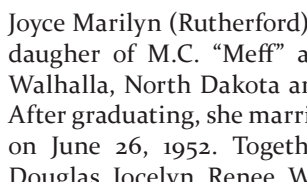


CELEBRATING THE LIFE
of

Joyce M. Dubourt



JANUARY 3, 1934 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



Joyce Marilyn (Rutherford) Dubourt was born January 3, 1934 and was the daughter of M.C. “Meff” and May (Soeby) Rutherford. She grew up in Walhalla, North Dakota and attended school at Walhalla Public Schools. After graduating, she married her high school sweetheart, Leon F. Dubourt on June 26, 1952. Together they had seven children: Dawn, Babette, Douglas, Jocelyn, Renee, Wendy, and Jaime.

Joyce enjoyed being a mom, and her greatest pride and joy was her family. She maintained a home where everyone was welcome, was chauffeur to her own kids plus all the neighborhood kids, and drove to Grand Forks frequently for orthodontist appointments and shopping. She cooked daily meals that always included dessert and could sew an outfit for one of the girls in a single night. She spent hours ironing by hand, filled two carts at the grocery store every Saturday, and always made time for having fun.

Joyce worked outside the home as a bookkeeper at the Corps of Engineer Par Site, Walhalla Grain Elevator, and the Pembina County Soil Conservation District office in Cavalier. She also worked at the Pembina County Historic Museum where she helped families trace their roots to our corner of the state. While living in Walhalla, she was involved in many organizations which focused on education and the betterment of the community. Joyce enjoyed music and was an accomplished piano player. She was an avid reader, crossword puzzle solver, jigsaw puzzler, and looked forward to watching Jeopardy each day.

Joyce is survived by her children: Dawn Schurman of Grand Forks, ND, Babette (Brian) Jones of Eugene, OR, Jocelyn (Brad) Sherwood of Grand Forks, ND, H. Renee Barry of Grand Forks, ND, Wendy (Jeffery) Herman of Bismarck, ND, and Jaime (Joe) Deck of Grand Forks, ND, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her son and best friend, Douglas Leon. Her kindness and generosity will be remembered by all who knew her and will be carried on through her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Walhalla Public Library or Hospice of the Red River Valley, 1701 38th Street South Suite 101, Fargo, ND 58103.

