

Remembering the Life....

Clarice Berdine was born at her home north of Brandon, Minnesota, to Percy and Tina (Peterson) Van Sickle on October 19, 1934. Her father died when she was only 3 years old. Her mother, Tina, was left with three small daughters – Clarice, Pauline, and Ruth. A Step-brother, Marion, helped the family on the small dairy farm.

In 1945 the family moved into Evansville. Clarice was graduated in 1952 from Evansville High School. Following graduation, Clarice was employed in Minneapolis for two years.

On July 3, 1954, Clarice married Dallas Torgrimson. They were both employed in Alexandria until Dallas was drafted into the Army in 1955.

Clarice stayed at her job in Alexandria while Dallas was in Basic Training and then stationed in Junction City Kansas. In September, 1956, Dallas was stationed at Baumholder Army Base in Germany. Clarice joined him there in November. Many special memories were made. In August, 1957, Dallas was discharged and the couple traveled back to Evansville, Minnesota, USA.

Clarice and Dallas rented a farm close to Dallas' parents, Harry and Gerda. Dallas began farming due to the failing health of his Dad. His Dad passed away in June 1959.

In February 1959, our "Valentine" Valerie Kay was born. Wesley Dallas was born in 1961.

When Dallas' Father passed away, we moved to the home farm. Dallas needed Clarice's help on the farm. She spent most of her days working shoulder to shoulder with her Husband milking cows, driving tractor and picking rock. The widowed Mothers, Tina and Gerda, lived in Evansville and were a tremendous help with the children. What a blessing!

Clarice and Dallas attended and were active in Calvary Covenant Church in Evansville.

Although busy with farming, the couple was able to travel occasionally. Alaska, Southwest US, and Texas were some of the trips they enjoyed. A highlight of their travels was a trip to Germany in 1989. While there, they were able to visit their landlords, Anton and Cilli Natter, and their Daughter Marianne from the Army days. In 1993, they had the joy of hosting this German couple on their dairy farm. Precious memories!

In the late 1990s Wes took over the farming and Clarice and Dallas transitioned into retirement. In 2002 they moved into their retirement home. Dallas enjoyed helping Wes. Clarice was happy to have a good garden, nice yard to mow, apple trees, and flowers to tend. God was good!!

On Monday, March 25, 2024, Clarice passed away at Alomere Health in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of eighty-nine years.

Clarice was preceded in death by both her parents, her husband Dallas, her sisters Pauline Sorvik, and Ruth Carpenter. Also preceded by half-sisters and half-brothers, Clara Lund, Jennie Morical, William Van Sickle, Fred Van Sickle, and Marion Van Sickle along with other relatives.

She is survived by Daughter, Valerie (Torgrimson) and Mike Hanson and Son, Wesley and Jean (Massmann) Torgrimson. Grandchildren Melissa (Chad) Swayze, Sharon (Joe) Nyquist, Brittany (Korey) Anderson, Kendra (Dillon) Riemann; Step-grandchildren Craig (Kodi) Schroeder, and Kimberly (Michael) Medeck; Great Grandchildren Kayla, Micah, and Benjamin Swayze, Hazel and August Nyquist, and Hannah and Clara Anderson; Great Step-grandchildren Carter and Sophie Herman, Gracie Geris-Schroeder, and Emily, Kaylee, and Faith Medeck.

Blessed be the memory of Clarice Torgrimson

Celebrating the Life of



Clarice Torgrimson



Gone from My Sight
Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs
like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky
come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

In Loving Memory Of

Clarice Berdine Torgrimson

October 19, 1934 ~ March 25, 2024

Memorial Service

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 11:00 AM
Calvary Covenant Church
Evansville, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Dwayne Frykman

Music

Mike Hanson, vocalist
Melissa Swayze, pianist
"What a Day That will Be"
Sharon & Joe Nyquist, duet
"I'll Fly Away"

Reading of Obituary

Brittany Anderson

Congregational Hymns

Aimee Nordlund, accompanist
Song Leader— Mike Hanson
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Beautiful Savior"
"Because He Lives"

Urnbearer

Wesley Torgrimson

Interment

Mound Grove Cemetery
Evansville, Minnesota

Appreciation

Clarice's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and
fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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