



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

*Marie Eblen*

APRIL 21, 1941 – JULY 2, 2024

GOD saw you were getting tired  
When a cure was not to be.  
He closed his *Arms*  
around you and whispered,  
"Come To Me."  
In tears we saw you sinking,  
we watched you fade away.  
Our *Hearts*  
were almost broken,  
you fought so hard to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
so peacefully, free from pain,  
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.  
So treasure her, Lord, in your garden of rest.  
For here on earth,  
*She Was The Best.*

**Services At:**

Pedersen Funeral Home - Morris, Minnesota  
Friday - July 5, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

**Officiating Clergy:**

Pastor Julius Miller

**Musician:**

Brooke Flatin, Emma Flatin

**Musical Selectons:**

"Softly & Tenderly"  
"How Great Thou Art"

**Interment:**

Chokio Lutheran Cemetery  
Chokio, Minnesota

Marie and her twin sister Mary were born on April 21, 1941, in Chokio, MN the daughter of Mura “M.L.” & Amanda (Amborn) Collins. She grew up in Chokio where she attended school.

On January 28, 1959, she married John Eblen in Chokio. The couple made their home on a farm near Hancock where they raised their two daughters, Sharon and Penny.

Along with being a wife and mother, Marie worked outside the home at Villa of St Francis in Morris and retired from the Morris Public Library. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Morris, the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Marie was an avid reader, often reading more than one book at a time. She also enjoyed traveling with family, and many bus tours with John, shopping, eating out, Sunday movies in Alexandria, loved desserts (always eat the dessert first) and made the best apple pie and banana bread. Being a mother and grandma was an honor for Marie. She enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marie died Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Nelson Gables Assisted Living in Alexandria. She was 83 years old.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Jim) Spencer of Brandon and Penny (Shane) Hastings of Marshall; four grandchildren: Alicia (Ryan) Pfaff, Erica (Brad) Flatin, Mandi Mahoney and Dallas (Morgan) Mahoney; seven great-grandchildren: Olivia Pfaff, Brady Pfaff, Brooke Flatin, Emma Flatin, Willow Mahoney, Waverly Mahoney and River Mahoney; sister-in-law, Shirley Collins of Oregon. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Eblen; parents, M.L. and Amanda Collins; brother, Jim Collins and sister, Pearl (Raymond) Jipson and twin sister, Mary (Donald) Jipson.



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