

Virginia M. Earley age 91 of Detroit Lakes, MN died June 6, 2021 at Essentia Health, Fargo, ND.

Virginia May Earley was born May 31, 1930 in Pelican Rapids, MN to Walter and Alice (Johnson) Priem. She grew up in rural Pelican Rapids and attended District 149 Country School near the family farm. She worked on the farm and attended the Detroit Lakes Business College to learn the financial aspects of running a farm. She also did waitress work at Bunnell's and the Proctor Hotel in Detroit Lakes. On May 17, 1948 she was united in marriage to Harold Earley. They farmed on Harold's home place and raised their family there. Virginia was a seamstress at Norby's Department Store in Detroit Lakes for thirty years. She also worked at Fingerhut, Arctic Cat, Davis Laundromat, Pine to Palm Golf Course, and the Becker County Historic Museum. She has been a resident at Ecumen-Emmanuel Nursing home for the past three years.

Virginia enjoyed gardening, flowers, canning, birdwatching, camping and bowling trips. She was also very active in 4-H with her children. She was well known for being an expert seamstress. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, quilting, tatting, embroidering and also enjoyed her Homemakers Group, Circle at 1st Lutheran and Sons of Norway. She made many quilts for the nursing home residents to enjoy.

She is survived by two sons, Merle (Cheryl) Earley, of Detroit Lakes, MN; and Rick (Linda) Earley, of Detroit Lakes, MN; four daughters, Karlene (Gary) Negen, of Frazee, MN; Joanne (Charles) Thompson, of Detroit Lakes, MN; Becky (Craig) Mastin, of Detroit Lakes, MN; and Susan (Scott) Conklin, of Osage, MN; 14 grandchildren, Shane (Lisa) Gigstead, Dane (Diane) Gigstead, Mitch Negen, Andy Foster, Nikki (Zack) Sullinger, Jessi (Kyle) Jacobson, Shawn (Julie) Earley, Shannan (Rachel) Earley, Carmen (Jason) Sivers, Jason Earley, Christina (Clint) Armstrong, Lisa (Casey) Christensen, Greg (Sonja) Thompson, Travis (Tammy) Thompson, Sabriel (Bethany) Mastin, Ben Conklin, and Kim Conklin; 26 great grandchildren; 44 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; four brothers; five sisters; her parents and several nieces and nephews.

Celebrating the life of

Virginia May Earley

May 3, 1930-June 6, 2021



*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



In Loving Memory Of

Virginia May Earley

Born

May 3, 1930

Pelican Rapids Minnesota

Died

June 6, 2021

Fargo, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday-June 14, 2021-2 p.m.

1st Lutheran Church

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated By

Pastor Joe Skogmo

Chaplain Peter Gallatin

Organist

Karen Bimberg

Soloist

Kathy Larson

Honorary Pallbearers

All Virginia's Grandchildren

Interment

Lakeview Cemetery

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements By

West-Kjos Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota