

Remembering the Life of

Mabel Blanche Hildebrandt was born on March 10, 1938, in Madison, Minnesota the daughter of Alfred and Anna (Lashowsky) Reese. She grew up on a farm and attended country school through the 8th grade. When she started 9th grade she had to move into Clinton to attend Clinton High School. During this time she worked as a seamstress and a waitress to pay for her room and board. She met the love of her life, Erwin Hildebrandt, while waitressing. Mabel graduated from Clinton High School in 1955.

Mabel and Erwin were united in marriage on September 14, 1957, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortowille, MN. After their marriage the couple rented a farm by Clinton for a year and a half before purchasing a farm in Nora Township in 1959. This is where the couple raised their six children.

Mabel's favorite time was in the Spring when she started her flower and vegetable gardens. She also would help with whatever needed to be done on the farm, she was a farmer's wife. She loved the little animals and took special care of them.

Besides helping on the farm, Mabel worked at Pope County Sheriff's Office at a Dispatcher and jailor for five years. She then went to work at the Good Samaritan Home in Hoffman for fifteen years as a cook.

Mabel and Erwin were members of Nora Lutheran Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher and taught Bible School. She was also on the Farmers Union Youth Board, and President of the Pope County Dairy Association.

She was a great cook and baker and taught all her children how to cook. Mabel was known for her chocolate chip cookies and strawberry rhubarb pie. She also enjoyed taking walks in the woods and collecting wild iris and wild violets with her children and her sister, Lou. Mabel's pride and joy were her grandchildren and her dogs. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and playing with her "puppies."

Mabel died on Sunday, April 9, 2023. She is survived by her five children: Aaron (La'Tina) Hildebrandt; Joel (Charlotte) Hildebrandt; Beth (Don) Elgin; Jon Hildebrandt; Peter (Laurie) Hildebrandt; 20 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and her sister, Fran (Gene) Hemmer.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Erwin; daughter, Dawn Stevens; four brothers: Martin, Delmer, John, Clifford, Walter; sister, Lou Strege.



Mabel B. Hildebrandt

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So God made a Farmer's Wife

And on the 9th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "Oh dear, the farmer is going to need help." So God made a farmer's wife.

God said, I need somebody who will get up before dawn, make breakfast, work all day in the kitchen, bank, school or alongside her farmer and then come home to fix supper and wash up the dishes.” So God made a farmer’s wife. God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with their newborn son. And watch him grow. Then pray each morning and teach her children to say, please and thank you. I need somebody who can make a fried-egg sandwich, stretch a paycheck or thicken soup, who can clean her house with vinegar, baking soda and hot water. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish her forty hour week on Friday, then, join her farmer in the field for another two days, six meals and five loads of laundry. So God made a farmer’s wife.

God said, “I need somebody strong enough to plant trees and heave bales, to co-sign a loan for a half a million with steady hands, yet gentle enough to tame show lambs and raise kids and calm the farmer when he’s upset over higher rent or lower corn, who will stop her work for an hour to talk on the phone to her neighbor who just found out her mother is sick, Somebody who could cook and clean and not cut corners. Somebody to wash, dry, iron, tidy, feed, rake, water drive, check the homework and pack the lunch bags and remember the basketball schedule and replenish the refrigerator and finish a hard week’s work with a five-mile ride to church.

“Somebody who’d sew a family together with the soft strong stitches of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh and then reply, with smiling eyes, when her daughter says she wants to spend her life “doing what mom does.” So God made a farmer’s wife.

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Memory

Mabel B. Hildebrandt

March 10, 1938 † April 9, 2023

Funeral Service

Nora Lutheran Church

Kensington, Minnesota

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 2:30 PM

Officiant

Minister Bev McNeill

Pallbearers

Aaron Hildebrandt

Jon Hildebrandt

Peter Hildebrandt

Joel Hildebrandt

Jared Hildebrandt

Dylan Brecht

Interment

Nora Lutheran Cemetery

Kensington, Minnesota

