



Joyce May Sturgess was born the oldest of four children to William John and Dorothy (Leavitt) Sturgess on May 26, 1928. She was baptized on April 30, 1930, at Bethany Methodist Church, Lamars, ND. She attended Greendale Township School. Her education continued at Hankinson High School, where she graduated in 1946. She rode the Galloping Goose train to Valley City Teachers College, where she earned her teachers certification. She taught for two years in a country school north of Great Bend, ND.

Joyce was confirmed on April 23, 1948, at Great Bend Lutheran Church. She married Reuben Tischer on April 30, 1948, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND. Joyce taught one more year after marrying Reuben.

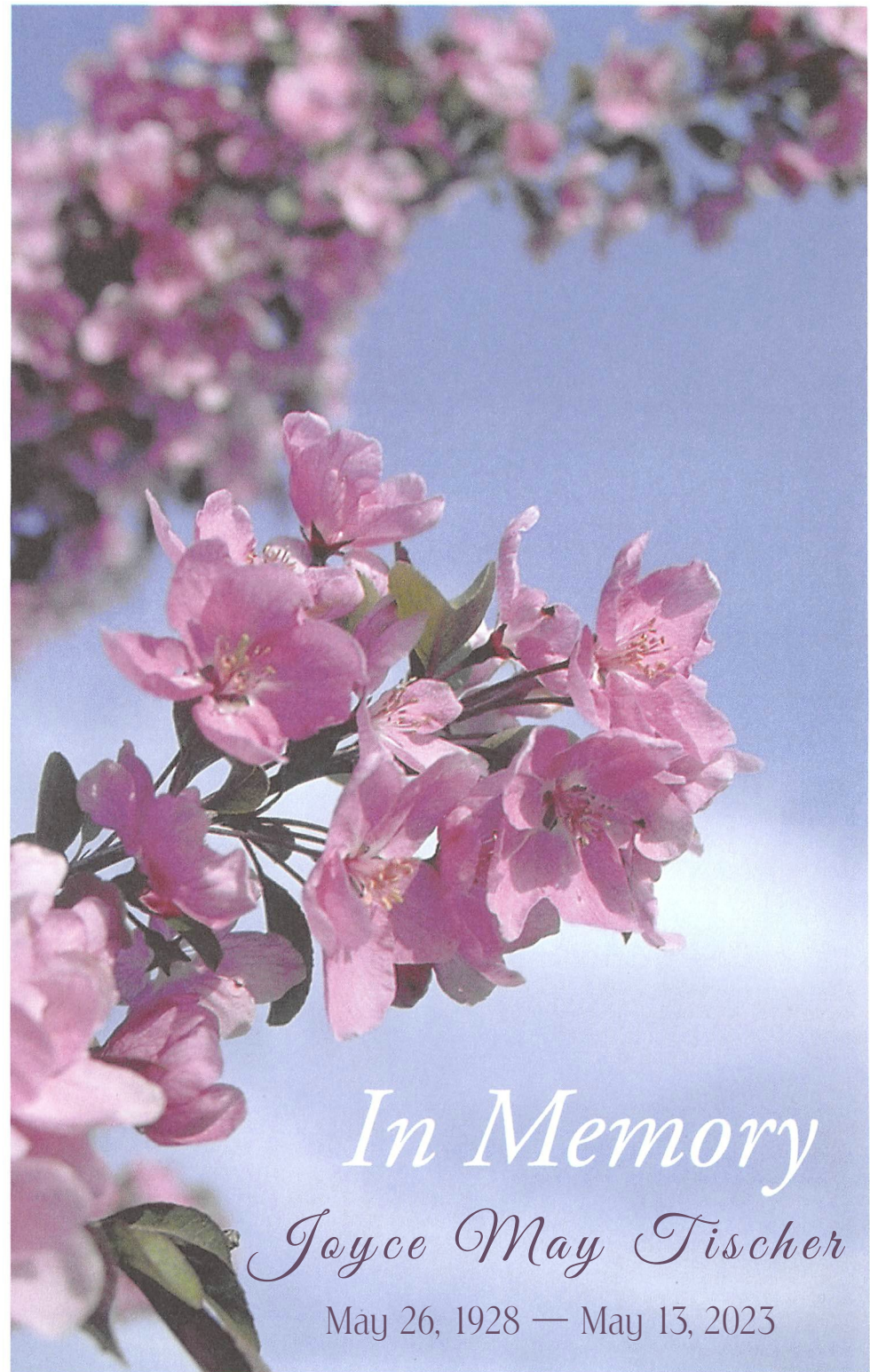
They farmed for ten years south of Fairmount, ND. They then moved to Breckenridge where they raised their family of five sons. Joyce enjoyed gardening and worked for Emery's Greenhouse every spring for 34 years. She also worked for the Breckenridge School System as a teacher's aide and in food service. In addition, she and Reuben were chaperones at the Breckenridge Teen Canteen for many years.

After she retired, she continued to work part-time, altering clothing, in-home ironing, cleaning at MinnKota Ag offices, and acting as an Election Judge. She also worked as needed at the greenhouse and the school. She continued working at MinnKota Ag until she entered Twin Town Villa in February 2022. She was very active in her church, serving in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, secretary for the church council, and many other volunteer committees and activities.

She loved her family very much, including her sons and all of the daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies included gardening, cleaning, embroidery, reading and quilt making. She was able to travel to England twice (1989 & 2016) and reconnected with her father's family. She was able to celebrate her 88th birthday with her English relatives. She was very proud of her English heritage.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Douglas (Kathy Simmons, Moorhead), Ronald (Marilee), Dean (Trudy), and Calvin all of Breckenridge/Wahpeton, and daughter-in-law, Sheri Tischer of Stillwater, MN; 11 grandchildren, Heidi (Dylan) Irish, Jeremy (Karensa) Tischer, Jesse (Maureen) Tischer, Lindsey Tischer (Jesse Nease), Lisa Ehlers (Matt Reeve), Shawn Tischer (Lindsay Case), Travis Tischer, Dylan Tischer, Ethan Tischer, Cameron Tischer & Carmen Tischer; 8 great-grandchildren, Samira Sadat (Zach O'Brien), Jack Sadat, Ariana Sadat, Hayden Tischer, Sydney Tischer, Andrew Tischer, William Tischer, & Vincenzo Nease; and many special nieces and nephews that held a big place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by parents, John and Dorothy Sturgess; her loving husband of 40 years, Reuben; infant daughter, Lois; son, Leon; daughter-in-law, Donna Tischer; sisters, Janice (Dale) Deike, Jean (Bob) Chartrand; and brother, Jack (Donna) Sturgess.



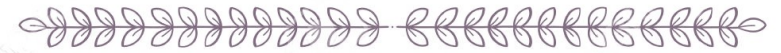
In Memory

Joyce May Tischer

May 26, 1928 — May 13, 2023



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Joyce May Tischer



Born: May 26, 1928 ~ Rural Hankinson, North Dakota

Died: May 13, 2023 ~ Breckenridge, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Grace Lutheran Church ~ Breckenridge, Minnesota

11:00 a.m., Friday, May 19, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

Reverend Ross Fritz, Officiant

Jesse Tischer & Jeremy Tischer, Scripture Readers

Dylan Tischer, Cello Soloist ~ Amazing Grace

Kelly Voss, Vocal Soloist ~ How Great Thou Art

Cathy Radig, Organist

PALLBEARERS

Heidi Irish ~ Lindsey Tischer ~ Carmen Tischer

Amy Friebe ~ Eunice Theisen ~ Darlene Berndt

Cindy Walker ~ Brenda Lentz

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Lisa Ehlers ~ Paula Wheelock ~ Darlys Thomas

Penny Helgeson ~ Laura Radig ~ Dorine Green

Lori Gulan ~ Valerie Sanders ~ Crystal Enwiller

USHERS AND GREETERS

Shawn Tischer ~ Travis Tischer

Cameron Tischer ~ Ethan Tischer

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

I'm But a Stranger Here ~ Peace Like A River

BURIAL

Fairview Memorial Gardens

Wahpeton, North Dakota

Weep Not In Sorrow

*Weep not in tears of sorrow
because I've gone away,
But weep with tears of gladness
for the peace I have today.*

*I know your heart is heavy
with sorrow that you bear,
BUT God has called me home,
My Place is ready there.*

*My stay on earth is completed
My final rest is won,
I've received the richest blessing,
To dwell with God's own Son!*

-Sandra Millerman

Handwritten By Joyce Tischer

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for
your kind expressions of sympathy and for
honoring Joyce with your presence at the service.*

