

Remembering the Life of

Florence Hanson Greenquist, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in San Mateo, California at Sunrise of San Mateo Assisted Living Facility.

Florence was born on July 3, 1930, the last of 10 children born to Norwegian immigrants Thorvald and Sena Hanson of Pennington, Minnesota. She grew up on her parent's homestead, attended nearby Kitchi grade school for seven years and eighth grade in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to where her parents had moved to work in war factories during World War II. She later attended Bagley High School for one year and graduated from Cass Lake High School in 1948.

After high school, she worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. She later lived in Breckenridge, to where her parents and other family members had moved, and worked at the First National Bank of Breckenridge. She soon returned to the big city and worked at the Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Bank in Minneapolis.

On December 27, 1952, Florence married Myron L. (Bud) Greenquist, an Army man formerly from Evansville and a Korean War veteran. She had been introduced to him via the postal service by the wife of Bud's brother. Florence soon discovered that she liked her role as an "Army wife". Together they spent the next 22 years at a variety of locations, including California (where Florence worked for the Bank of America), Ethiopia, Maryland, Okinawa and Virginia (where Florence worked at the First Virginia Bank).

Florence and the children spent 1965-66 alone in Breckenridge, Minnesota, while Bud went to Vietnam. She also remained at their residence in Falls Church, Virginia, while Bud returned for a second tour in Vietnam in 1972-73.

In 1974, Bud retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. They remained in Falls Church, Virginia, until their four children finished college and were on their own. In 1985, Florence and Bud moved back to their native state of Minnesota and settled in a lakeshore home on 14 acres north of Brandon. They moved to Alexandria in 2006.

After Bud passed away in 2009, Florence remained in Alexandria until the summer of 2015 when she moved to Half Moon Bay, California to live with her daughter, Lisa and family. Florence was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in early 2016 and soon thereafter, moved into an assisted living facility in nearby San Mateo.

Florence was a dedicated wife and mother and adored her church and community wherever she was. She loved people and doing things with and for people, either alone or as a member of a group or organization. She was a member of, and held offices in, the Brandon Lioness Club, the Brandon Legion Auxiliary and Grace Lutheran Church in Brandon. After her third cancer surgery she joined a cancer support group. She also supervised the Douglas County Fair office for 14 years during annual county fairs. She enjoyed needlepoint, crocheting, reading and painting ceramics.

Florence is survived by four children: daughter Kim (Richard) Rudolph of Virginia Beach, Virginia; son Rick (Leslie) of Edmonds, Washington; son Brad (Helga) of Santa Monica, California; daughter Lisa (Rand) Ollerton of Half Moon Bay, California; nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Myron; parents, Thorvald and Sena Hanson; brothers Hector, Roy, Leonard, Norman and Orville; and sisters Carmilla, Lila (Conklin), Ruth and Dolores (Johnson).



Florence H. Greenquist

1930 ~ 2022

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

In Loving Memory

Florence Greenquist

July 3, 1930 † June 29, 2022

Funeral Service

Grace Lutheran Church
Brandon, Minnesota
Saturday, July 9, 2022, 10:30 AM

Officiant

Pastor Bradley Pearson

Musical Selections By

Joyce Engel
Kathy Fynboh

Pallbearers

Gabriel Schier Christopher Rudolph
Sebastian Schier Paul Ollerton
Russell Ollerton Patrick Ollerton
Brian Rudolph

Interment

Mound Grove Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

