

Remembering the life of...

Vione R. Olson, 97, of Battle Lake formerly of Fergus Falls, died, Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Good Samaritan in Battle Lake.

Vione Ruth Larson was born on a farm near Norcross, MN on May 23, 1926, the youngest daughter of Simon Larson and Inga Mary (Amundson) Larson. She attended elementary school in Norcross and graduated from Herman High School in 1944. She attended Moorhead State College for one year and then was qualified to be a teacher in a one room school house in rural Minnesota with students grades one through eight. Both of her assignments were in Grant County, one close to Hoffman, and one close to her grandparent's farm in North Ottawa Township. Re-meeting Norcross native, O. Clifford Olson after he returned from his service in the Army Air Corps during WWII interrupted her teaching career. They married on November 30, 1947 and settled on a farm in Gorton Township where they raised two children and remained until 1991. During those years, their parents and all of their extended families lived around them in six square miles, attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Norcross and, by in large, attended the same public schools. In addition to all farm, family, church, and school activities, Vione was finishing her Bachelor's degree one class at a time. She graduated in 1969 from the University of Minnesota, Morris with a degree in Elementary Education. After that diploma, she continued her studies at Moorhead State College and earned a certificate in learning disabilities. Her first job after her B.A. degree was as a Title One teacher in Wendell, MN for three years. After a learning disability certificate was achieved, she started working for the Tri-County Special Education Co-op in Wahpeton, ND. She fought for students with special ed. needs that needed unique solutions which was very new at that time. Her need to learn continued into retirement. She learned how to golf, play bridge, draw, paint and made new circles of friends doing those new activities in MN and AZ.

Vione's life of service was also evident in her volunteer activities during all the years on the farm and during their years of retirement in Fergus Falls and Arizona. She served as a Grant County Hospice volunteer, a Lake Region Hospital volunteer, a worker at the Victory Lutheran/St. Peter's Homeless Aid Station in Phoenix, AZ, a reader for the blind at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Her welcome mat was always open to any family or non-family member who happened to stop by. Coffee, goodies and pleasant conversation were always available. Almost every holiday was an opportunity to entertain.

Now as she is welcomed to the Lord's Banquet Table in heaven, she will sit again with her beloved family members who have gone before her: husband, Clifford; brothers, sisters, and their spouses - Alfred and Irene Larson, Stella and David Prothero, Eunice and Albert Martinson, Dorothy Larson, Leonard Larson, and Loren Larson.

She is survived by her children, Harley Olson (Beverly) and Cindy Peterson (Tom); four grandchildren, Gwen Thompson (Chad), Matthew Peterson (Grace), Trista Moffitt (Branden), and Amanda Dahl (Thomas); seven great-grandchildren, Avery Thompson, Adelyn and Kadence Peterson, Evelyn and Norah Moffitt, Alaina and Bria Dahl. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Cathy Olson-Adams and Janice Larson.

Blessed be the memory of Vione Olson



Vione R. Olson

May 23, 1926 ~ March 30, 2024

*There comes a time for all of us when we must say
goodbye,
But faith and hope and
love and trust
Can never, never die.
Although, the curtain
falls at last
Is that a cause to
grieve?
The future's fairer
than the past
If only we believe.
Trust in God's eternal
care -
So when the Master
calls
Let's say that life is
still more fair Although the curtain falls.*



Romans 8:37-39: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Vione Ruth Olson

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FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2024
Bethel Lutheran Church ~ Herman, Minnesota

CLERGY

Reverend Cheryl Berg

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 7:24-27 ~ Psalm 23 ~ Philippians 4:4-9

EULOGY

Reverend Tom Peterson

MUSIC

Olivia Richards ~ Organist
Don Glesne ~ Vocalist
"Because He Lives"
"He Touched Me"

Congregational Hymns

"When Peace like a River" #785
"I'll Fly Away" insert

CASKET BEARERS

Matthew Peterson ~ Chad Thompson
Thomas Dahl ~ Branden Moffitt

INTERMENT

Lakeside Cemetery ~ Herman, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

We gratefully acknowledge your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during our time of loss.
Please join us for lunch following the service.

~ *The family of Vione Olson*