

Safely Home

by Author Unknown

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright.
There is a perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
in the way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
for I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond death's shadows;
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
so you must not idly stand.
Do it now, while life remaineth;
you shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting;
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation and thanks the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You,

The DeKrey Family

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."*

Psalm 23:6



Eileen E. DeKrey

February 14, 1929 - March 22, 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Saturday, April 6, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.

Parkway Funeral Service
Bismarck, North Dakota

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Piano Prelude	Dan DeKrey
Processional	Family
Welcome and Invocation	Pastor Troy Shirley
Scripture - Psalm 23	Hannah Proefrock
Prayer	Ron DeKrey
Eulogy	Ron DeKrey
Congregational Hymn	<i>Old Rugged Cross</i>
Tribute to Eileen DeKrey	Lorie Pope, Kevin DeKrey
Congregational Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
Tribute to Eileen DeKrey	Jordan Pope, Lee DeKrey
Message	Pastor Troy Shirley
<i>The Holy City</i>	Clyde Baumann/Vicky Martel
Closing Prayer and Blessing	Pastor Troy Shirley
Piano Postlude	<i>I'll fly away</i>

PALL BEARERS

GRANDCHILDREN:

Joel DeKrey	Katie Burgess	Neil DeKrey
Lee DeKrey	Karl Pope	Trevor Pope
Jordan Pope	Taylor Pope	Hannah Proefrock

Following the celebration of life service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship.

INTERMENT

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
Bismarck, North Dakota

Eileen DeKrey, 95, Bismarck, ND passed away peacefully Friday, March 22nd, 2024 surrounded by loving family. She is now with God. Eileen touched many hearts through her kindness, humor, generosity, and victorious spirit.

Eileen Eleanor Wyngarden was born to Leonard Wyngarden and Lydia (Netzke) Wyngarden on February 14th, 1929 at the family farm near Pettibone, ND. Eileen was the third of four children. She attended a one-room country school for grades 1-8 and graduated from Pettibone High School. Horses were a big part of her life, and she was an excellent rider. She graduated from Jamestown College with a teaching degree, and then taught elementary school in Powell, WY for three years. She always had a sense of adventure.

On September 7, 1952, Eileen married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Warren DeKrey. Together they built a strong family and life. They had 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren who she loved and enjoyed so much. And the feelings were mutual! Her baking, big meals, and holiday celebrations were treasured.

Tough times shape people. Eileen grew up in the Great Depression and the rough conditions shaped her into a strong, feisty loving lady who knew that the secret to true happiness was not in possessions, but in faith and family. She delighted in getting together with family and friends.

Our Mom loved God with all her heart and modeled that to everyone. She had a wonderful sense of humor...many was the time we'd say "Mom, what are you laughing about?" She found a light-hearted way of seeing so much good in life. She knew how to make "lemonade out of lemons" in life when tough times came and inspired many to do the same. She truly knew how to turn ordinary moments into extraordinary ones through joy and insights.

In the words of one of her friends "Eileen always made you feel like a 'somebody', not a 'nobody'. She was compassionate and a true friend."

She was a 4-H leader for many years, Sunday School teacher, member of PEO, substitute teacher for many years, volunteered for many organizations such as Meals-On-Wheels, traveled extensively with Warren abroad and in the US, active in the church, member of a special Bible study group for over 35 years, and loved gardening and raising flowers. Music was a huge part of her life whether listening to it, singing in the choir, or making sure her children practiced their instruments! Eileen loved poetry, which she quoted extensively.

Being also a very talented artist, her love of nature, flowers, scenery, and appreciation for ordinary moments was a gift to us. "Look at that sunset! Oh my...and those clouds...the colors are so unusual...I'm going to paint that." Eileen painted close to 200 paintings.

She was passionate about learning new things, growing in her faith, and encouraging others to believe they had a destiny in doing great things. And that God would give them strength and encouragement. Mom felt her special mission in life was to be a prayer warrior. Many is the time she'd say, "Let's pray about that right now."

Eileen was a beautiful person inside and out. She had an impact on many lives and will be forever missed.

She is survived by four children and a son-in-law: Ron (Bonnie), La Crosse, WI, Del (Wanda), Grand Forks, Lorie Pope (Robert), Bismarck, Kevin (Connie), Fargo, and son-in-law Martin Marinov, Coral Springs, FL, 9 grandchildren: Karl, Trevor (Andrea) Pope, Jordan (Cassie) Pope, Taylor (Kate) Pope, Joel (Sarah) DeKrey, Katie (Josh) Burgess, Neil (Laiel) DeKrey, Lee (Caroline) DeKrey, Hannah (Aaron) Proefrock, and 20 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Warren, daughter Karen Marinov, brothers Leonard and Ralph, sister Delores, and parents Leonard and Lydia.