

Marilyn I. Swart, 88, of Minnetonka, MN, (formerly of Winona, MN; Minot, ND, and Carrington, ND) died Friday, February 9, 2018, at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN.

Marilyn Ida Lyman was born in New Rockford, ND, on October 21, 1929, the second daughter of John H. and Lazetta (Klemstein) Lyman of Grace City, ND. Growing up, she helped on the family farm and was very active in 4H. After high school in Grace City where she graduated at the top of her class, she attended North Dakota State University where she majored in Home Economics.

She married Lowell D. Swart, also of Grace City, on March 25, 1949, and remained married for 60 years until Lowell's death in 2009. Marilyn was kept very busy raising their four boys but found time to be an active member of the Carrington Federated (United Methodist-Congregational) church and worked part-time for the NDSU Research Extension Center in Carrington. In 1978, Marilyn and Lowell moved to Minot, ND, when he became the manager of Souris River Telephone CO-OP and she became an active member of the Vincent United Methodist Church and a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Upon Lowell's retirement in 1988, they moved to Winona, MN, to join their son Mark in the Nursery business.

She enjoyed traveling with Lowell around the United States and to Japan where their son Ronald was stationed with the U.S. Navy. They both loved sailing and sailed lakes and oceans from tiny Lake Juanita in ND to Lake Sakakawea, Lake Superior, Lake Pepin, the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego, off-shore Florida, Catalina Island and even a New England 3-mast clipper ship cruise.

Marilyn is survived by her sons Ronald (Masako) of Canton, GA, Mark and Edward of Winona, MN, and Loren of Minnetonka, MN; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; her older sister Jeannette Evensen and younger brother Roger (Diane) Lyman.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lowell, parents John and Lazetta, brother Harvey Lyman, and sister Donna Rodacker.

In Loving Memory



Marilyn I. Swart

October 21, 1929 – February 9, 2018



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FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, February 19, 2018 – 10:30AM
Federated Church UCC/UMC – Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rick Loewen

MUSIC

Clara Edwardson, Organist
Congregational Hymns
“Hymn of Promise”
“For All the Saints”

CASKET BEARERS

David Swart Andrew Swart
Ian Swart Elliot Swart

BURIAL

Grace City Cemetery – Grace City, ND

UNISON PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we stand in awe before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. We are grateful to you for the life of Marilyn and all that she meant to each of us. We will miss her caring nature, her love of learning, and her deep appreciation of people. Continue to hold Marilyn well in the arms of your mercy and surround her with your unending love. Be with each of us in our sadness, and remind us that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!”

“Gone where?”

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at her side says: “There, she is gone!” There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: “Here she comes!”

And that is dying.

-Henry Van Dyke

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