

Eileen Dockter, age 82, of New Rockford, ND, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 12, 2020, at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford.

Eileen Louise was born February 8, 1938, on the family farm near McHenry, ND, to Clarence and Emma (Overby) Haakenson. Eileen's childhood years were spent on the family farm near McHenry, where she attended school until the eighth grade. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith where her love for God began. Growing up on a farm, there was always work to be done and where she developed her strong work ethic, that continued throughout her life.

As a young adult, Eileen attended dances at area halls and at one particular dance, her sister, Marlys and her boyfriend, Merlin, brought along a friend by the name of Jim. Eileen and Jim were introduced to one another and began what would be their life's story. Jim found her to be friendly and easy to talk with and asked her to dance. On the way to taking the girls home, he asked her for a date. On October 20, 1962, they were united in marriage. Eileen held several jobs throughout her life, including, housekeeping and babysitting for various families, Swift's Co., Jordan's Steakhouse and dietary aide at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd for over 30 years. She was a member of First Lutheran Church, New Rockford. Her hobby was spending time with family.

Her most important jobs and the ones she was most proud of were being a devoted wife and extraordinary mother and grandmother. She loved everyone unconditionally and was proud of all. She was kind, caring, warm, understanding, compassionate and most of all loving. You felt her love and warmth just by being around her. Having her family around was something she loved. She had all the time in the world for laughter, hugs, kisses and kind words. No one was ever a bother. She will especially be remembered for having the best Rice Krispie bars, everyone else's were just not "Grandma" worthy. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her for her gentle spirit, positive attitude and warm and kind smile.

Eileen is survived by her husband, Jim; sons, Jeffrey Haakenson, Edgeley, ND, James (Karla) Dockter and Terry (Colleen) Dockter all of New Rockford; daughter, Charlene Gilliss, Waubun, MN and son-in-law, Joe Seiler, New Rockford; sixteen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Borthwick, Jamestown, ND; sisters-in-law, Helen Duda, Marjory Bohnet, Shirley Pederson and Janet Banning; one brother-in-law, Eulis Rogers and several nieces and nephews.

Welcoming Eileen in heaven are her parents; son, Kyle; daughter, Kimberly Seiler; grandson, Rodney Haakenson; brothers, Clifford, Stanley and Donald "Buddy"; sisters, Beatrice Maisel, Clarice Borthwick, Dorothy Haakenson and Marlys Williams and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

*A Mother holds her children's hands
for a while...their hearts forever.*



Eileen L. Dockter

February 8, 1938 - September 12, 2020

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go -
You have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you all have shown,
but now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile 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 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 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."

-Author unknown

In Loving Memory Of

Eileen Louise Dochter

February 8, 1938 – McHenry, ND
September 12, 2020 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 ~ 12:00PM -5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 ~ 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 ~ 1:00PM
Prairie Home Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Amy Kippen

RECORDED MUSIC

*Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art,
Precious Lord Take My Hand*

PALLBEARERS

All of Eileen's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

BURIAL

Prairie Home Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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