

On the night of February 17, 2021, Ellen Louise Messner passed away peacefully at her lifelong home while surrounded by family.

Ellen was born on July 28, 1937 to parents Paul and Myrtle Smith. She was sister to Lester Smith (predeceased). She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Allen Milfred Messner; her children, Colleen (Richard) Hoffner, Connie (Robert) Hovdenes, Steve (Barb) Messner, Arleen (Brian) LaMonica-Dougherty, and Dallas Messner; her grandchildren, Andrea (Dan), Ryan (Jami), Jason (Jodi), Angela (Jesse), Tina (Jason), Jesse (Jana), Tyler, Jacob, Nathan, Megan, Shelby (Nick), Nicole (Tyler), Bethanie, and Chase, and her many great-grandchildren, as well as her dogs, “the kids”, Butch “Butchie” and Tootsie, her wild cats, and many friends, whom she loved like family. She has gone to be with her daughter Char (Wayne) Lesmeister in Heaven.

Ellen was a resident of Sheyenne, North Dakota for over 80 years, and was an active member of the local community. She was involved in a variety of organizations over the years, including Grace Lutheran Church, 3L Homemakers Club, VFW Women’s Auxiliary, and the Farm Bureau. She also volunteered at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd. She enjoyed supporting her children’s school activities as well—she never missed a home basketball game.



Ellen was known for her quick wit, strength of character, sense of humor, and love of socializing with all her family and friends. She loved listening to music and dancing with the love of her life, Allen. The coffee pot was always on and a plate of goodies was always available at her house for anyone who stopped by the farm.

She lived life with an adventurous spirit. She loved to travel, see new sights, and taste new foods. Her final week was spent surrounded by loved ones, in person and through phone and video-calls. Even on her last day, she had some of her favorite food, ice cream.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ellen’s memory to American Cancer Society or Grace Lutheran Church.



In Loving Memory of



Ellen Messner

July 28, 1937 – February 17, 2021



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July 28, 1937 - New Rockford, ND

February 17, 2021 - Sheyenne, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Visitation 9:00AM – 6:00PM ~ Prayer Service 6:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, February 25, 2021 ~ 10:00AM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jeff Halvorson

RECORDED MUSIC

In The Garden ~ On Eagle's Wings

One Pair of Hands

CASKET BEARERS

Ryan Hoffner ~ Jason Hovdenes ~ Jessie Lesmeister

Tyler Messner ~ Jacob Messner ~ Nathan Messner

Chase Messner

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Ellen's Family and Close Friends

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery, Sheyenne

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, he set me free.

