

Marlys Ferguson, age 86, of New Rockford, ND, passed away on June 11, 2021 surrounded by family at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford.

Marlys Joyce Seiler was born on November 18, 1934 to Joseph and Marian (Ulness) Seiler in New Rockford, ND.

She graduated from St. James Academy High School in New Rockford, ND. After she graduated, she went to Aakers Business College in Fargo, ND. She met her husband, James Ferguson, at a dance. They were married in the Army Chapel at Camp Gordon, Georgia, June 10, 1954, where James was enlisted in the Army. After James' discharge from the Army, they moved to Carrington for a few years until they began farming with her dad and her brother in New Rockford in 1960. This is where they raised their seven children.

Marlys was an avid bingo-goer. Many laughs and memories were created around those bingo cards through the generations. We never could understand why she liked it so much, because you were supposed to be quiet; and as you know, Marlys was not exactly quiet. Numerous days were spent playing pinnacle gathered around the kitchen table with relatives and friends. As a young adult she belonged to a bridge club. She was in a bowling league in Carrington for years, some nights even trudging her way home through a storm. She also was a member of the Carrington Golf Club, where her children would wait anxiously for the delicious left-over food she would bring home. We are not sure how much golfing was done, but know if she was around there was much laughter and visiting going on. Needless to say, I think her legacy of the gift of gab will live on with her children.

Marlys loved to visit with people and was a very kind and giving person. Many hours were spent floating across the dance floor with her favorite partner and husband of nearly 67 years. During their retirement years, they wintered in Mesa, Arizona.

In addition to raising seven kids, being head chef, maid, chauffeur, Marlys worked at the ASCS office and also at St. James Grade School.

Marlys was a loving daughter, devoted wife and nurturing mother. Her Catholic faith was very important to her and attended mass daily most of her life. She was one of the founding members of the "prayer group", which she always looked so forward to. The words "well done, good and faithful servant" are so fitting for her well-lived life.

Privileged to have shared in her life were her children and grandchildren: Kim Ferguson of Fargo, ND and her children Mandy (Matthew) Munro, Jared (Wendy) Balow, Jessica (Dave) Passal; Roxann (Loren) Melvie, of Bismarck, ND and their children Brenden, Connor and Devin Melvie; Jill Weber of New Rockford, ND and her children Casey Weber, Levi (Chelsey) Weber, Cassidy (Parm) Borst and Lexie Weber; Jewel Turcotte of Chanhassen, MN and her children Nathan Turcotte, Kelsey (Preston) Weisenburger and Tory (Lacey) Turcotte; Jay Ferguson of Sioux Falls, SD; Guy (Mandy) Ferguson of Bismarck, ND and their children Jayden, Kailee, Cru, Jonah, Hudson and Hayden; Tye (Erin) Ferguson of Shakopee, MN and their children Madison, Jack and Lucy. She is also survived by 16 great grandchildren with two more on the way; also several nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Donna Seiler Enstad.

She is once again reunited with her husband after his passing two months ago, and oh what a reunion that must have been when she could once again speak. Also waiting to greet Marlys are her parents, mother and father-in-law Kenneth and Violet Ferguson, brother Joseph Seiler (Junior), son-in-law Bradley Weber, and grandson Dylan Turcotte.

If you were blessed to have been a part of this woman's amazing life and shared in her friendship, we thank you. We extend a heartfelt thanks to her beloved prayer group and to the staff at the LHGS for all their hours of hard work and devoted labor.

## *In Loving Memory of*



## *Marlys Ferguson*

*November 18, 1934 - June 11, 2021*

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts.

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers.

And the best place to be is in God's Hands!

Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts

# Marlys Joyce Ferguson

November 18, 1934 – New Rockford, ND

June 11, 2021 – New Rockford, ND

## Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is 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.

There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remains

You shall rest in God's own 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!

### VISITATION

Sunday, June 13, 2021

3:00PM-5:00PM ~ Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

6:00PM-7:00PM ~ St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford

### ROSARY / VIGIL SERVICE

Sunday, June 13, 2021

6:30PM Rosary & 7:00PM Vigil Service  
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford

### MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, June 14, 2021 ~ 3:00PM

St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford

### OFFICIATING

Father Bernard Pfau

### MUSIC

Heather Klocke

### CASKET BEARERS

Nathan Turcotte ~ Jared Balow ~ Casey Weber ~ Levi Weber  
Tory Turcotte ~ Brenden Melvie ~ Connor Melvie ~ Devin Melvie  
Jayden Ferguson ~ Cru Walker ~ Jack Ferguson

### HONORARY BEARERS

All of Marlys' Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren  
All the members of Marlys' prayer group

### BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford

Arrangements By

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