

Lois (Hjelseth) Wescom peacefully passed away at her home on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the age of 98.

Lois Graham was born October 19, 1922 in Foster County. She was the daughter of William and Lottie (Gilbertson) Graham. Lois grew up on a farm near Grace City, ND, and attended Grace City school for her elementary and high school education. She graduated high school in 1940, she attended Mayville State Teachers College in 1940-41. She taught rural schools in Foster and Eddy County for 3 years.

On October 19, 1944, she was united in marriage to Eilert Hjelseth. They farmed in Nordmore township. Until Eilert's death in 1979.

In 1966, she became manager of a Montgomery Ward catalog store in Carrington. On 1967, she began working at Carrington Health Center in the Medical Record Department and continued working there until her retirement in October 1987.

She was a member of the Kvernes Lutheran Church and over the years served as Sunday School Teacher, choir director and part time organist after moving into Carrington following Eilert's death she transferred her membership to Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1993, she married Delbert Wescom, they spent several winters in Florence, Arizona. Delbert passed away in 2012.

She is survived by her four children, Joy Cellmer (Rod) Plainville, Kansas, Lynn Hjelseth, Carrington, ND, Jeffrey (Jean) Hjelseth, Case Grande, AZ, Joel (Debbie) Hjelseth, Chattanooga, TN. Two stepdaughters; Carol (Lloyd) Winjiue, Jamestown, ND, and Beverly Ruetter Pingree, ND. 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband's Eilert and Delbert, two brothers Wallace and Arthur Graham and one sister Gladys Anderson.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations and memorials to go to the American Diabetes Association, Carrington Cemetery, or the Kvernes Cemetery Foundations.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Lois (Hjelseth) Wescom*

*October 19, 1922 - June 10, 2021*

## Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to

The Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The Lord replied, My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints,

it was then that I carried you.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts

## *Lois Rosella Wescom*

October 19, 1922 – Grace City, ND

June 10, 2021 – Carrington, ND

### **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 ~ 10:30AM

Kvernes Lutheran Cemetery, rural Carrington

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Rick Loewen

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Great Thou Art* ~ Alan Jackson

*In The Garden* ~ Alan Jackson

### **CASKET BEARERS**

All of Lois's Grandchildren

### **BURIAL**

Kvernes Lutheran Cemetery, rural Carrington

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