

Delores Elizabeth Hoyt, age 96, passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Cooperstown Medical Center surrounded by loved ones. Delores was born December 30, 1925, the daughter of Rudolph and Louise (Steffen) Lockner, in Cooperstown, ND. She grew up there and graduated from Cooperstown High School in 1944. During those years of schooling, she earned the perfect attendance certificate almost every year. To earn spending money, she worked at the egg factory candling eggs. She ventured to Fargo after graduation where she was a waitress at the infamous Blue Bird Café in Moorhead. When her mother received severe injuries in an automobile accident, she moved back to Cooperstown to help with her care.

While attending a dance at Juanita Lake, she met Elery Hoyt of McHenry. They married February 16, 1948 and made their home on a farm near McHenry. This city gal loved the farm so much that after Elery passed away she continued living on the farm another 18 years with the help of her daughter, Judy, who joined her on the farm in 2007. After 73 years on the farm, she became a resident of the Griggs County Care Center last year. Mom took great pride in her flock of chickens and cherished caring for her many cats and dogs. She was a superb cook and baker. Every Saturday the house was filled with the delicious aroma of her fresh baked bread and cinnamon rolls. Mom's buttermilk brownies were infamous and often requested at public functions. Gardening was another one of her specialties and in the summer her kitchen would be filled with the smell of her canned fruits, vegetables, and jellies. Her passion for flowers showed in her beautiful flower gardens. Mom's artistic flair was displayed in her sewing, especially her gorgeous square dance dresses as well as her many other craft items family members were always thrilled to be recipients of.

During Delores and Elery's 55 years together they had lots of fun attending dances and made many friends while square dancing with the Northern Light Steppers' Club. She was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid, and did scripture readings. Playing bingo was one of her favorite activities at the Senior Citizens Center where she was a member. Music was a huge love of her life shown in her many years playing harmonica with Elery in the Hoyt Tuft Band entertaining at care centers and senior citizens centers throughout the area. Other instruments she played were the piano and organ, all were self-taught. Her yodeling skills would make any good Swede envious. She played harmonica at the New Rockford Steam Thresher's Music Show for many years playing as recently as 2018. She was even asked to participate in this year's show. However, she continued to share her musical talents with the care center residents and staff.

In the later years, she enjoyed filling her time with attending grandkids' school activities, reading, and word search puzzles. She made many wonderful memories with her two daughters and granddaughter (aka "The Fearsome Four") taking in many musicals and concerts, one in which she even got a high five from none other than Neal McCoy.

Mom was kind, generous, loved her family and friends, and had a heart of gold.

She is survived by two sons, Larry (Marcia) Hoyt of Pekin, ND and Neil Hoyt of McHenry, ND; two daughters, Judy Hoyt of McHenry, ND and Ardys (Tom) Dahl of Cooperstown, ND; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; and sister-in-law Mylerna Hoyt of Cooperstown.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband Elery; one son, Roger; her parents; brothers, Clarence, George, and Wayne; sisters, Mavis and Myrtle; 3 sisters-in-law; and 4 brothers-in-law.

She will be greatly missed and will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Delores Hoyt*

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DECEMBER 30, 1925 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



## ***Mother***

*A Thank You Prayer for the  
Blessing of your Love  
Thank you Lord for our beautiful  
mother. For the Love she always  
gave us and her friendship that  
was never failing.*

*For her kind  
eyes that saw the best  
in us and her gentle wisdom that  
carried us through. For her prayers  
that lifted us up and the dreams  
she held in her heart for us. For the  
happy memories we made together  
and all the hugs and smiles we  
shared- we are forever grateful.*



*More than our prayers could express,  
more than our hearts  
could ever say, we Thank you, God  
for entrusting us to the love of the  
world's most wonderful Mother.  
Amen*



Celebrating The Life Of

## ***Delores Elizabeth Hoyt***

December 30, 1925 – Cooperstown, ND  
September 14, 2022 – Cooperstown, ND

### **VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Visitation ~ 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Prayer Service ~ 7:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Thursday, September 22, 2022 ~ 1:00PM  
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McHenry, ND

### **OFFICIATING**

Deacon Tara Ulrich

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Theresa Fiebiger ~ Pianist

*Congregational Hymns*

*I Come to the Garden Alone ~ Opening Hymn*

*Amazing Grace ~ Closing Hymn*

Medley Performed by Delores  
(New Rockford Steam Threshers Jamboree 2015)

### *Recorded Music*

There Was Jesus ~ Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

### **PALLBEARERS**

Matt Hoyt ~ Dave Sather ~ Braxton Meehan  
Dennis Walen ~ Jerry Tufte ~ Tim Hoyt

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

All of Delores' Grandchildren

### **BURIAL**

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery  
McHenry, ND

Arrangements by  
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