

Lillian Pedersen, 102, of Carrington, ND, died on Monday, September 25, 2023, at Golden Acres Manor in Carrington.

Lillian Mildred Ellingson was born on June 12, 1921, in Cooperstown, ND, to Fanuel and Marie (Stangeland) Ellingson. She grew up on the family farm, working hard alongside her parents and siblings. She attended Haven School #2, a one-room schoolhouse, and she spoke only Norwegian when she started. After finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade, she attended and graduated high school in Grace City. She then attended Mayville Teachers College, earning a teacher's certificate.

She taught for three years at a one-room schoolhouse, Campbell School #1 in Rolling Prairie Township. It was then that she met her future husband, Gordon. He would light the schoolhouse stove for her, so the school was warm when she arrived. She married Gordon Pedersen on October 11, 1946; they made their home on the original Pedersen farm and welcomed 6 children Sherman, Corrine, Kendal, Mark, Kevin, and Sheila.

Lillian enjoyed photography and created many scrapbooks/photo albums, growing African violets and orchids, jigsaw puzzles, flower gardening, and a good card game of Golf. She baked delicious bread, and oatmeal raisin cookies - a limit of 2! Lillian was also known for her egg pancakes and chokecherry jelly. She and Gordon enjoyed many travels; especially to Alaska, driving and flying there and back to visit Kendal many times.

She is survived by her children, Sherman of Carrington, ND, Corrine Bell, Valley City, ND, Kendal, Las Vegas, NV, Mark, Glenfield, ND, Kevin (Virginia), Carrington, ND, Sheila (Maynard) Flatt, Valley City, ND; grandchildren, Corrine's children: Elijah, Enoch, Moses, Isaiah, and Hannah; Mark's daughter: Tricia (Shane); Kevin's children: Derek, Lisa (Gary), and Carla (Brandon) and Sheila's children: Erik (Hilary) and McCall; nine great-grandchildren, Jadyne, Chelsea, Adam, Evan, Erin, Carson, Gracie, Sydney, and Beckett; and two sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Gordon; her siblings, Marvel, Clifford, Franklin, and Elroy; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and two grandsons, Andrew and Ryan.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Lillian Pedersen*

*June 12, 1921 – September 25, 2023*

In Loving Memory Of  
*Lillian Mildred Pedersen*

June 12, 1921 – Cooperstown, ND  
September 25, 2023 – Carrington, ND

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Refrain:  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me."*

*Jesus loves me!  
He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee.*

**VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE**

Friday, September 29, 2023  
Visitation ~ 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Prayer Service ~ 7:00PM  
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Saturday, September 30, 2023 ~ 2:00PM  
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Russ Christiansen

**MUSIC**

*The Old Rugged Cross ~ Alan Jackson  
What A Friend We Have In Jesus ~ Alan Jackson*

*Congregational Hymn*  
*Jesus Loves Me*

**CASKET BEARERS**

Derek Pedersen ~ Erik Flatt ~ Shane Erstad  
Gary Ripplinger ~ Brandon Saeger ~ Bruce Gussiaas

**HONORARY BEARERS**

Tricia Erstad ~ Elijah Bell ~ Enoch Bell ~ Moses Bell  
Isaiah Bell ~ Hannah Bell ~ Lisa Ripplinger  
Carla Saeger ~ McCall Flatt ~ Hilary Flatt

**BURIAL**

James River Cemetery  
rural Glenfield, ND

Arrangements by  
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