Marlene Ekren died Monday, December 4, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Marlene Kay Ferguson was born in Carrington on May 22, 1937, to Harry and Grace (Indergaard) Ferguson. She attended Rose Hill Country School and graduated from Bordulac High School.



On June 23, 1955, she married H.M. "Buffa" Ekren at Trinity Lutheran Church in Carrington. Marlene and Buffa were blessed with six beautiful children. They raised their family and farmed



many years west of Kensal. In 2017 they moved into Carrington.

Marlene's greatest love was for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved gardening, reading, doing craft shows and quilting. Marlene was a 4-H leader for many years and an active member of the Kensal United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Buffa Ekren; her three sons, Dennis (Becky) Ekren, Denver, CO, Dean (Brenda) Ekren, Kensal, ND, Kelly (Dana) Ekren, Kensal, ND; three daughters Mamie Ekren of Fargo, ND, Joni (Bryon) Smith of Fargo, ND and Cassie (Cory) Smith of Carrington, ND; eight grandsons, 6 granddaughters; sixteen great-grandchildren; a brother Lennie (Pat) Ferguson of Rugby, ND.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, a brother Jerry Ferguson and a sister Delores Wolf.

In Loving Memory



Marlene Ekren

MAY 22, 1937 - DECEMBER 4, 2023

Celebrating The Life Of Marlene Kay Ekren

May 22, 1937 – Carrington, ND December 4, 2023 – Carrington, ND

VISITATION Wednesday, December 6, 2023 6:30PM - 7:30PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

PRAYER SERVICE Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:30PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 1:00PM United Methodist Church, Kensal, ND

> CLERGY Pastor Jeanne Sortland

SPECIAL MUSIC Daniel Florhaug ~ Ross Florhaug

Precious Lord, Take My Hand | Seven Spanish Angels Hallelujah | Hymn of Promise

HONORARY PALLBEARERS All of Marlene's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

RECEPTION Please join us for lunch and fellowship at the Kensal Café following the funeral service.

> Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

Death Leaves a Heartache No One Can Heal Love Leaves a Memory No One Can Steal