



Marian Samuelson

September 13, 1908 - August 15, 2009

Marian Samuelson, died August 15, 2009, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck where she had been graciously cared for the last twelve years of her life. She was 100 years old. A private memorial service for her family and friends will be scheduled later at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Marian was the younger of two daughters born to Lee and Carolyn Novak Makovich in Tacoma, WA, on September 13, 1908. She spent her early years in Gig Harbor, WA, before moving to Minot, ND, where she lived with her mother and step-father, Albert Pickens, a conductor for the Great Northern Railroad. There she met her future husband, Gudjon "Gus" Samuelson, a pharmacist. In 1928, they opened a family-operated drug store in Turtle Lake, ND, where they lived happily until 1953. Both were progressive, strong community members who valued their friends and always recalled that period of their life with great pleasure. They moved to Bismarck in 1954 because of Gus' failing health; he died in September 1964. Marian was a very independent and active person who worked sixteen years as a clerk for the Secretary of State. In 1968, she decided to move to Oregon where she worked in State government until the time of her retirement. She was an avid golfer and international traveler, active in politics and a member of the Nile, a women's Masonic auxiliary. She was a great basketball fan and an ardent supporter of the Portland Trailblazers. In the mid-90's, she returned to Bismarck for health reasons and to be near her family. Marian is survived by her two sons, Albert Samuelson, a physician, and his wife, Carol, of Bismarck,

and Warren Samuelson, a pharmacist, of Seattle, WA; three grandchildren, Kathryn Heim of Fargo, Theresa Finck of Mandan, and Michelle Samuelson of Seattle; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Patricia Samuelson; a daughter-in-law, Betty Samuelson; and her dear husband, Gus.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marian and her husband Gus were my parents' Katie & Frank Sklenicka best friends from Turtle Lake to Bismark. They were such wonderful people and I am so sorry for your loss. We visited Marian while she lived in the Portland area and had such a nice time. I would love to hear from either of her sons, please contact me at the phone number above to re-connect.*

Fran Snyder Sklenicka - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Dr. Al Samuelson: We were sorry to read of your mother's passing in today's Tribune. You had mentioned her fondly several times when we were at our medical meetings together, and we enjoyed discussing the aging process! Although we never met her, I'm sure she was a very fine lady, and is one of the few to reach that milestone 100th birthday. Our sympathy and continued best wishes to you and your family. Dave and Barb Peske*

David Peske - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM