



Marlene Wagner

July 7, 1934 - February 1, 2008

Marlene Wagner, 73, Bismarck, was received into the arms of her Savior on February 1, 2008, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Bismarck with Rev. Walter Schott officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday from 5:00 - 9:00 PM and Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Visitation will continue on Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Marlene Delanda Wentz was born on July 7, 1934, near Streeter, ND, the daughter of Milton and Otilia Rau Wentz. She grew up as the oldest daughter of three girls on a farm in Logan County. Following high school which she finished by correspondence, she attended two years at Dakota Business College in Fargo. She married Emil Wagner on June 30, 1957, in Streeter, ND. They then made their home in Bismarck and owned and operated Tops Truck Stop in Sterling until 1990. Emil passed away on November 9, 1992. Marlene is survived by her five children, Marcia Gary Scherbenske of Tuttle, Scott Kathy Wagner of Ardmore, OK, Jackie Mark Shipley of Steele, Clark special friend, Brittany Jie Zheng of Champaign, IL, and Kim Robert Pepper of Wichita, KS; her grandchildren, Amy Mike Martin of Minot, Matthew Sheri Scherbenske of Kulm, Nathan Salena Shipley of Fargo, Naomi Shipley of Steele, Joel Shipley of Steele, Jerad Wagner and Caleb Wagner of Ardmore, OK; her great-grandson, Joshua Martin of Minot; her sisters, Sally Lyle Reese

of Tigard, OR, and Lucille Alvin Kuhn of McMinnville, OR; and her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Eleanora Schulz of Bismarck, Violet Olson of Yantis, TX, Vernon Florence Wagner of Bismarck, O'Neil Wagner of Hazelton, and Luella Wallace Maier of Bellingham, WA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil; her granddaughter, Lisa Shipley; and her parents, Milton and Otilia Wentz of Gackle.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I will always remember and love Marlene!!! She was always will to give me a big hug and lots of advice. I knew she had been ill, but I don't make it back to Bismarck much any more. I wish I had gotten a chance to get one more hug and smile. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristi Turnquist Haadem - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ As we pass on our way through the world, we find our paths sometimes smooth and flowery, and sometimes rugged and difficult to travel. The sky bathed in golden sunshine yesterday, is black with storms today, and our poor hearts sink and tremble and the eye of faith cannot see the bright sun smiling in the heavens beyond the veil of clouds. But, for all this fear and doubt, the rugged path winds steadily upwards, and the broad sky is glittering in light. Let us, the sorrowing, ever keep this in mind. Let us have faith in HIM who binds the broken heart and gives joy to us as we mourn Marlene today. By T. S. Arthur

Esther Wittmier Benson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Marlene and I went through elementary and part of high school together, being the only two in our grade we shared many hours growing up. To the family I want to say: Her spirit lives on and always will. Times she laughed, gave advice or just listened echo in the memories of those whose lives she touched. And in being so remembered, her legacy will live on. May it comfort you to know that death cannot diminish the important ways your mother touched your lives. May the love of God give you peace, May the love of Friends give you comfort, May the love of your dear one remain in your heart and give you strength through the difficult days ahead. May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. My love and prayers, Tina*

Tina Angle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ *Marlene's friendship reminds me of a Chinese proverb: 'A life is never ended until all the lives it has touched have ended too.'* *Marlene's example of living has touched all of our lives but none as much as her recent courage and grace in the face of the toughest battle of her life. I have lasting memories of my folks' friendship with her folks, perhaps none as sweet as the sound of Tillie calling me 'Chenny Wittmier' and forever I shall remain so. Peace be with all of us.*

Virginia Dockter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Marlene was a friendly neighbor. She made a real effort to welcome me when I moved here, taking me to Bible study with her, taking me on walks, and catching either one of us for a quick chat when we happened to be outside. She even teased me one time about being gone so long to Minnesota, that she wondered if I was gone for good!!! I'll miss her quick smile, and her friendly waves as I passed by. If there's anything you guys need from a neighbor, please let us know. Hugs, Barb and Bob Wilson.*

Bob and Barb Wilson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear family, At the news of Marlene's death, I just could picture Lisa dancing with Marlene. I know Jesus greeted Marlene with open arms as she passed from this earth. Sending love and sympathy to you. Marlene, I remember as such an uplifting person, dedicated to her family and to God. Her sense of humor and laughter I can hear even now. She will be missed but Thank the Lord we will see her again. Love and prayers, Kathy Shipley Hockhalter*

Kathy Shipley Hockhalter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Marlene Wagner*

Kenton & Marnie Carlson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM