

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,”



The Lord replied, “My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you.”



Celebrating the Life of

Alyce M. McClure

March 30, 1931 - September 9, 2020



In Loving Memory of

Alyce M. McClure



Funeral Service

Monday, September 14, 2020

1:00 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church

Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Andrew Palmquist

Scripture

Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

John 10:11, 14-16

John 14:1-7

Revelation 7:9-17

Organist

Carol Nelson

Congregational Hymns

"Rock of Ages"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"Blessed Assurance"

"Abide With Me"

Casket Bearers

Jon Arneson

James Frahm

Ron Honken

Doug McClure

Rodney McClure

Tim McClure

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery

Luverne, Minnesota

Arrangements By

HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Alyce Mildred McClure was born on March 30, 1931 to Ferdinand and Mabel (Hagen) Arneson in Fortuna, North Dakota. She was baptized in 1931 in Fortuna and received her confirmation in 1944 at Indherred Lutheran Church in Starbuck, Minnesota. She lived on a farm outside of Glenwood, Minnesota from 1937 to 1952, graduating from Glenwood High School in 1949. She attended St. Cloud Teachers College and graduated in 1950. On May 27, 1955 she was united in marriage to Melford McClure at Indherred Lutheran Church in Starbuck. The couple made their home in Luverne, Minnesota where they raised their three children. Alyce taught at the Kenneth Country School along with three other schools in Rock County, and served as a substitute teacher in Luverne and Rock County. In addition, Alyce also served as a waitress at the Magnolia Steakhouse, nurses' aide at the Mary Jane Brown Home, and did independent sales for Avon, Watkins, and Toys. Alyce never officially retired as she made herself available as a volunteer when help was needed. On September 9, 2020, Alyce died peacefully while at Bethany on the Lake in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of 89 years, 5 months, and 9 days.

Alyce was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. She taught Sunday school for 25 years. She taught crafts for the Sunday school children and developed and ran the church library for Bethany. Her volunteer work was extensive and varied. She offered her help with many organizations around Rock County including Second Harvest, RSVP and as a Respite Care Volunteer, Sanford Clinic, and pouring coffee at the Minnesota Veterans Home. She was President of the Luverne Seniors and honored with the Rock County Outstanding Female Senior Citizen Award. She participated in card club and spent 60+ years making Lefse for friends and family. Alyce especially enjoyed making greeting cards and spent many hours each month helping other senior citizens make cards.

Alyce is survived by her three children, Linda McClure (Peter Olsen) of Vining, Minnesota, Joyce McClure of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Julie (Todd) McChesney of Elk River, Minnesota; two grandchildren, Shelby and Madison McChesney; and five siblings, Gladys Bohn of Santa Barbara, California, David (Jan) Arneson of Glenwood, Minnesota, Edward (Pat) Arneson of Alexandria, Minnesota, Esther Arneson of Wheatridge, Colorado, and Leonard Arneson of Moorhead, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melford.