



COME WITH ME

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
and He whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And slowly fade away.
Although we love her dearly,
We would not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands did rest.
God gave us tears to ease the pain
When he took from us the best!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marilyn Patricia Athey

WHO WAS BORN

March 17, 1934

Brawley, California

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

June 28, 2018

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 7, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Tabor United Methodist Church

Big Stone City, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS

Roger Goosen, Organist

Mischelle Kummrow, Vocalist

POEM

Morgan Raffety

URN BEARER

Les Athey

HONORARY BEARERS

All Her Grandchildren

Darold Swihart

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

INURNMENT

Greenwood Cemetery

Big Stone City, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Marilyn's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the inurnment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dinning room.

Marilyn Patricia (Duncan) Athey was born March 17, 1934, to Lynn and Marian (Caswell) Duncan in Brawley, CA. She grew up mainly in Oak Harbor, WA, and graduated high school there in 1952. Marilyn was united in marriage on October 24, 1952, with Stanley Athey in Oak Harbor, WA. They moved to the Clinton, MN, area in 1953, and farmed until 1959. In 1964, they moved to Lead, SD, and in 1967, they moved to Big Stone City, SD. Marilyn moved into Golden Living Center in Milbank, in 2017.

Marilyn was a devoted member of Tabor United Methodist Church and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She volunteered countless hours to both; preparing for flower shows, working in the kitchens, selling calendars and poppies, and making baked goods; to name a few. She worked at Big Stone Cheese Factory for a number of years, and also volunteered at St. Williams Care Center, Angela Hall. Marilyn enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, and bird watching.

Marilyn loved family gatherings and enjoyed playing softball, bowling, badminton, horseshoes, cards, cribbage and board games. She was an avid Minnesota sports fan and enjoyed rooting for the Vikings, Lynx, Wild, and especially, the Twins. One of her sports highlights was getting an autograph from her favorite Twins player of all time, Bert Blyleven. Marilyn was thrilled to meet Bert in person and he even asked her to sit on his lap for a photo op! Marilyn enjoyed attending her children's, grandchildren's, and even great-grandchildren's sporting events.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons: Leslie of Clinton, MN; Robert (Marcy) of Big Stone City, SD; and Dale (Pam) of Panama City, FL; daughter, Teresa of Willmar, MN; two sisters: Janet (Marvin) Schultz of Spanaway, WA; and Barbara (William) Strowbridge of Oak Harbor, WA; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Marilyn in death were her parents; husband, Stanley; son, Larry; grandson, Jesse; and half-brothers: Warren and Carl.

AMAZING GRACE!

How sweet the sound

'Tis grace hath brought

me safe thus far,

And grace will

bring me home.