



***THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME***

*We little knew that morning  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
You left us with beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same, but  
As God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

***Elaine Marie Aden***

WHO WAS BORN

April 27, 1936

Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

March 1, 2019

Watertown, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, March 11, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Justin Neugebauer

MUSICIANS

Sheila Dailie, Pianist

Curt and Diane Berkner, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

Dick Schwandt Robert Schwandt Marty Novy

Kyle Stader Quinn Stader Brad Novy

HONORARY BEARERS

Matt Schell Darwin Erickson Chad Novy

INURNMENT

Private Family Burial

APPRECIATION

Elaine's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Emanuel Lutheran Church dining hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Elaine Marie Skaarer was born in Grant County, SD, at the home of her parents, Elvin and Lillian (Erickson) Skaarer, on April 27, 1936. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Milbank and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at American Lutheran Church in 1949.

Elaine attended twelve years of school in Milbank and graduated with the Class of 1954. She was united in marriage to Glenn Mikkelsen in 1954, and they moved to California in 1956. While in California, she was employed as an information operator for Pacific Bell Phone Company in Huntington Park. From there, Elaine took a position with Pacific Semi-Conductors Inc. where she became a quality control inspector. She returned to Milbank in 1960.

On July 16, 1961, she was united in marriage to Kenneth L. Aden. God blessed this union with one son, Kirk LiMar Aden. She helped Ken raise his five children: Paulette, Perry, Cristy, David, and Kimberly.

Elaine was employed by the South Dakota State Extension Office in Milbank, working for Claire Eslinger. She also worked at the Lantern Inn, Eslinger's Café, and the Whetstone Valley Nursing Home. She moved with her husband and son to Revillo, SD, where they co-owned The Villa Bar and Grill from 1978 to 1983. They retired from business in 1983, due to Mr. Aden's disability and her two heart attacks.

Elaine served her church conference as ALC-W Stewardship Secretary for four years and as the Education Mission Secretary for ELCA-W for three years. While in Revillo, she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, was on various women's circles, served as the vice president and president of the women's council, and was a member of the church council. Elaine was a member of the Revillo Town and Country Club and the Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Aden was an accomplished vocalist and sang at many church and community activities. She wrote a song entitled "Faith" published by Chapel Recordings. Elaine earned many awards and published poems in the International Analogy Poetry Volume and Grassland Poetry Publications. She wrote short stories and loved entertaining. She would travel around with her electric organ, singing and playing for dances and special occasions. She also entertained at the nursing homes with her "Songs, Hats & Wigs" act. Elaine was also known as an accomplished seamstress.

Elaine was a member of the American Lutheran Church in Milbank. She was a member of the women's circles, was in the chancel choir, was a Sunday school teacher, was involved with Love in Action, and was a member of ELCA-W. She was a charter member of the American Lutheran Church and a charter member of Granittdalen Lodge 1-651 of Sons of Norway, holding offices in the Lodge.

Elaine was living at Watertown Care and Rehabilitation Center and was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Watertown at the time of her death. She is survived by her son, Kirk LiMar Aden (Heidi Randall); four step-children: Paulette "Pepper" Aden, Perry Aden, Cristy (Dallas) Spader, and Kimberly Koeshall; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; sisters: Doris Schwandt, Beverly Novy, and Judith Anderson; brothers-in-law: Myron Schwandt and Alfred Novy; and step-son, David Aden.



*Peaceful  
Reflections...*