



MY MOTHER'S FAITH

My mother's arms would hold us tight
She whispered Lord keep them tonight
And so did we sleep sound and safe
It must have been my mother's faith

Morning would call the sun to rise
And open sweetly slumbering eyes
She prayed Lord keep them on their way
He held us in my mother's faith

My mother's faith was wrapped about us
Like the softest down in winter
And when the raging wind had found us
As in her arms we ever stayed

At evenin' time dusk o'er the field
Reluctant moon and stars revealed
She thanked him well as through the day
As certain as my mother's faith

My mother's faith could move a mountain
And was deep as any ocean
But to keep safe those gathered round her
This was the greatest gift she gave

When summer turned and we had grown
Her passing called us woeful home
I kissed her then as there she lay
And now I know my mother's faith

And so does she sleep sound and safe
It must have been my mother's faith

-Kasia Livingston

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Marlys Jane Athey*

WHO WAS BORN
November 21, 1936
Big Stone Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
March 9, 2019
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.
Elim Lutheran Church
Clinton, Minnesota

OFFICIANT
Pastor Richard Larson

MUSICIANS
Kathy Moberg and Pam Chase, Accompanists
Ann Nelson and Marlys's Great-Grandchildren, Vocalists

URN BEARERS
Jeff Athey Stacey Ballhagen
Brandi Winter Amanda Tatro

HONORARY BEARERS
Marlys's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

INURNMENT
Clinton City Cemetery
Clinton, Minnesota
At A Later Date

APPRECIATION
Marlys's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Moberg Chapel
Clinton, Minnesota

*M*arllys Jane (Carlson) Athey was born on November 21, 1936, at home on the family farm three miles from Clinton, MN, to Elvin and Elsie (Seehusen) Carlson. She attended country school at District 21 until eighth grade. Then, she attended Clinton High School and graduated in 1954. After graduation, Marlys went to work in Clara City, MN, in a variety warehouse.

On February 7, 1956, Marlys was united in marriage to Floyd Athey after he was discharged from the Army. The couple lived in Clara City for a short time. They then moved to Clinton in the fall of 1956 and started farming.

Marlys worked at the hardware store in Clinton for about 20 years. When the hardware store was changed into a convenience store, she stayed and worked for 10 more years. Marlys was a member of Elim Lutheran Church and volunteered for church activities whenever she was needed. She enjoyed quilting, gardening (especially on the farm), mowing the lawn, being outdoors, and loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Pam (Gary) Ballhagen of Maple Plain, MN; Greg (Laurie) Athey of Clinton, MN; Sandra (Terry) Gillespie of Clinton, MN; and Brian (Arleen) Athey of Ortonville, MN; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters: Janice (Joe) McDonnell of St. Cloud, MN; and Gloreen (Lyle) Maxwell of Horace, ND; brothers: Verlin (Kay) Carlson of St. Peter, MN; Rodney Carlson (girlfriend, Anne) of Lakeville, MN; and Steve (Joan) Carlson of Fridley, MN. Marlys is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law: Evie (Earl) Beyer of Morris, MN; Elmer (Charlotte) Athey of Big Stone City, SD; Ginny (Rich) Stattelman of Clinton, MN; George (Rose) Athey of Lowry, MN; Dorothy Davidson of MS; Janet Athey of Big Stone City, SD; Barb Athey of Clinton; and Eileen Athey of Ortonville; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd in 1993; great-grandson, Lamar; parents; brother, Virgil Carlson and sister-in-law, Pat Carlson; and relatives: Dick and Leanne Athey, James Athey, Addie and Elwyn Swihart, Harold and Mary Jane Synhorst, Leroy Athey, Stanley and Marilyn Athey, Russ Athey and Harley Davidson.



Going Home...