Remembering the Life....

Delores Elaine Strand was born into this world at a rural farmhouse near Brandon, MN to parents Lillie (Engnes) and Jennings Olson on July 21, 1932.

She attended schools in Brandon, Evansville and Alexandria.

She was united in marriage to Curtis Elness in 1950, and they had three children, Lynette, Gary and Sharon.

After raising three children on her own for a number of years, she met Ray “Sugar Ray” Strand at a diner where she worked in Lisbon, ND. They were united in marriage in 1959 and lived in Davis, SD until 1969. Two additional children were added to the family, John and Paul.

Delores (or Mama D as she was more widely known) was famous in the area for her confirmation, graduation and wedding cakes, and often had three stoves going at once in her home just to fulfill all of the orders. The frosting was her specialty, and her daughter Sharon may be the only one to know this secret recipe.

Over the years she has worked as a waitress, in the kitchen at the Evansville School, retail, and has provided home daycare. For nearly two decades she and Ray managed apartment and storage unit properties in Alexandria, MN, and Mesa, AZ.

Her home always had an open door to the kids of the community. As there was often a rock band practicing in the basement, there was always a crowd around, many also waiting for fresh cake trimmings and extra frosting.

She was a “hip” grandma that spent time on her iPad and on the social networks. Although her body started to fail her, her mind was always sharp, and she could jump right in on nearly any conversation.

In her later years, her creativity turned to sewing and making custom cards with personalized poetry for friends and family.

On Saturday, September 19, 2015 Delores passed away peacefully at the Evansville Care Campus surrounded by family at the age of 83 years.

She is survived by her children Gary of Knoxville, TN, Sharon (Merle) Walberg of Evansville, John (LeAnn) of St. Michael, MN and Paul (LuAnne) of Glenwood, MN; grandchildren Bryan (Brenda), Jason (Linda) and Dustin (Melissa) Walberg, Elise (Kelly) Strickland and Rebekah Strand, Lynsey (Vince) Hofford and Tyler Strand, Marisa (Craig) Schneider, Nicholette Ross, Alison (Jordan) Ranum, and Kate (Jonny) Jacobsen; two sisters-in-law, Pearla Eid, and Evelyn Zelenak, as well as fourteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray, daughter Lynette, brothers James, Lester and David, and her parents Jennings and Lillie.

Blessed be the Memory of Delores Strand
Our Last Call

There's a time that comes for each of us
When our work on earth is through
We must leave with things unfinished
So many things here left to do

When the Lord decides to call us
And take us to a brighter land
Where there is no pain and suffering
We must all quickly take his hand

We will meet our other loved ones
Who have left and gone before
They'll be waiting with smiling faces
For us to enter Heaven's door

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In Loving Memory Of
Delores Elaine Strand
July 21, 1932 ~ September 19, 2015

Memorial Service
Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m
Faith Lutheran Church, Evansville, Minnesota

Officiating
Reverend Andrea Olson

Scripture Reading
Nicholette Ross

Memories
Brenda Walberg

Music
Elaine Kronberg, organist
Joan Barsness, pianist
Reverend Andrea Olson, soloist
“God on the Mountain”
“Because He Lives”
“When All is Said and Done” Geoff Moore

Congregational Hymns
“How Great Thou Art” #856
“Amazing Grace” #779

Honorary Urnbearers
All of Delores’ Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Urnbearer
Gary Strand

Interment
Mound Grove Cemetery, Evansville, Minnesota

Appreciation
Delores’ family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Evansville
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