

*Celebrating The Life Of*

**Alva M.**

**Engebretson**

*May 27, 1928*

*June 1, 2021*



***Miss Me, But Let Me Go***

*When I come to the end of the road*

*And the sun has set for me,*

*I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;*

*Why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little, but not too long,*

*Remember the love that we once shared.*

*Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take*

*And each must go alone.*

*It's all a part of the Master's plan,*

*A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart*

*Go to the friends we know*

*And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds.*

*Miss me, but let me go.*

***Services At:***

St. John's Lutheran Church – Rural Starbuck, Minnesota

Monday – June 7, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

***Officiating Clergy:***

Reverend Michael Hanson

***Musician:***

Pam Mathiason

***Pallbearers:***

Terry Engebretson, Troy Engebretson

Aaron Engebretson, Brad Engebretson, Travis Engebretson

Blake Engebretson, Chase Engebretson, Drew Engebretson

Matthew Johnson, Karle Meyer

***Honorary Pallbearers:***

Chelsea Johnson, Sydney Meyer, Heidi Bredeson

***Interment:***

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Starbuck, Minnesota

*Starbuck Funeral Home - Starbuck, Minnesota*

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**A**lva Mae Engebretson (Stadsvold) was born on May 27, 1928 to Judin and Dora (Benjaminson) Stadsvold in Rolling Forks Township, Pope County Minnesota. Alva was baptized June 11 in East Zion Lutheran Church. She completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade in a country school. Alva was united in marriage to Walter Erlin Engebretson on November 4, 1945 and celebrated a remarkable 72 years of marriage. To this union three sons were born, Ellsworth John, Ronald Allen and Todd Walter.

Alva was very active in St John's Lutheran Church and their Ladies Aid since 1945. She loved to garden and enjoyed her flower gardens. Alva spent hours mowing her lawn and made it look meticulous. She was an incredible cook and baker. You never went to her house without being offered some delicious homemade goodies and coffee...what a wonderful hostess she was. Alva was the best farmer's helper, working side by side with Walter on their dairy farm, delivering meals to the field hands, and assisting where when an extra hand was needed. She was very proud of the Minnesota Century Farm designation in 2005. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

She passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the West Wind Village after celebrating her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Alva is survived by her sons: Ron (Doris) Engebretson of Rochester and Todd (Pam) Engebretson of Starbuck; daughter-in-law: Louise Engebretson of Morris; seven grandchildren: Terry (Linda) of Cyrus, Troy (Stacy) of Morris, Aaron of Lake City, Brad (Sara) of Rochester, Heidi Bredeson of Rochester, Chelsea (Matthew) of St. Cloud and Sydney (Karle) of Oak Park; eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law: Dorothy Weicher of Richfield. She was preceded in death by her husband: Walter; son: Ellsworth; her parents; sister: Rosella; and brothers: Julien and Earl.

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