

The radiance of
her presence
Like a soft and glowing light,
Will never be dimmed
Because she has passed
from sight.
The wonder and the beauty
Of a life so fully lived
Because of its simplicity
Her secret was to give.



She overlooked our petty ways
And by her loving touch
The pain and hurts within us
Were often eased so much.

She never shrank from burdens
Which seemed her part to share,
But always with a willing heart
Was glad to take her share.
Flowers responded to her love
And children to her smile
If by reason someone asked,
She'd go the second mile.
Like sweet and lovely music
Her life so like a song
Will often echo through our hearts
Again to make us strong.

Marlene Ness

Date and Place of Birth **Date and Place of Passing**
August 13, 1943 May 11, 2009
Sac County, Iowa Williston, North Dakota

HER FUNERAL SERVICE

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Thursday, May 14, 2009
Ten-thirty O'Clock, AM

OFFICIANT

Pastor Christopher Raiford

MUSICIANS

Mona Craft, Vocalist
Joy Johansen, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

Leelyn Hermanson	Tom Bender	Bill Bender
Joel Collins	Byron Watterud	David Lance

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Isabelle Storseth	Iva Bauste	Michelle Lux
Judy Hermanson	Barb Koppelsloen	Myrna Tveter

INTERMENT

Tonset Cemetery
Lignite, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Everson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota

*Friends may visit the Everson Funeral Home website www.eversonfh.com
to share thoughts and remembrances.*

Marlene was born to Alvin and Catherine (Bettin) Lange on August 13, 1943, in Sac County, Iowa. She grew up on her father's farm near Odebolt, Iowa. Marlene graduated from Odebolt High School and the Omaha School of Business. She then moved to Ft. Dodge, Iowa and worked for Avco New Idea in the steel buying department and in 1969 as registrar at Ft. Dodge Community College. During this time, her beauty, class and attractiveness led to a part-time modeling career that continued throughout her life.

She met the love of her life, Douglas Ness, and on November 2, 1968, they were married. They delighted in raising three children together. In 1972, Marlene and Doug moved to Williston where they opened BODO'S TV & APPLIANCE CENTER, INC which they owned for 36 years. She was a devoted mother and enjoyed the humor and closeness of her family. Marlene enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, painting watercolors, reading, and being a 'Hockey Mom'. Marlene especially enjoyed spending time with Doug at their farm, Merriwell, south of Columbus. She loved animals and adored Doug's Red Labradors. Marlene was known for her incredible gardening skills and picturesque landscapes surrounded by her flowers. Marlene loved to bake and cook multi-course dinners for family and friends. She enjoyed many friendships, and she will be remembered for many things, but mostly her warmth, selflessness, pride and generosity of spirit and love. Those who were lucky enough to know Marlene will miss her wonderful smile and distinctive laugh.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Ness; and three children: son, Kyle Ness and spouse, Zoe (Mpls, MN), daughter, Danica Chilson and spouse, John (Woodbury, MN), and son, Jonas (Williston). Also surviving are her grandchildren, Alec Ness, Charlie Ness, Mahala Chilson and Drew Chilson. She is survived by three siblings; Jolene (Joe) Langle (Austin, TX), Richard (Arlene) Lange (Marshalltown, Ia), and Jean (Bob) Bengfort, (Coeur d'Alene, Id) and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Bob and Becky Herman (Williston) and Dale and Vonnie Brown, Baton Rouge, La.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Catherine Lange, her sister-in-law, Sharon (Ness) Herman, and nephew, Todd Herman.

In Loving Memory of

Marlene Ness



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