

Ethel Jane Ochsner, 82 formerly of Herreid, SD passed away Monday February 14th, 2022 in Fort Collins, CO.

Ethel was born June 5th, 1939 in Herreid, SD to Jacob G. Hofer and Pauline (Bickel) Hofer. She attended grade school at Sterling District Rural Farm School, graduating from Herreid High School in 1957 and attended South Dakota State University in Brookings from 1957 to 1959. She married Vern Ochsner on June 30th, 1959 at the Peace Lutheran Church in Herreid, SD. They made their home on a farm ten miles northeast of Herreid, SD.

Ethel was an active member in the Herreid Jaycees from 1961 to 1971 and held various offices. She served on the Campbell County Clinic Board. In addition, she was a volunteer for the Campbell County Cancer Unit and became a memorial chairman. Ethel was also a member of the Herreid Senior Citizens and active in the Centennial and All School Reunion committees. She taught Sunday school and Bible School for many years at the Reformed Church and belonged to the Women's Society holding various offices while being a member.

Her hobbies were gardening, raising flowers, sewing, quilting, crocheting and refinishing old furniture. Ethel was grateful for spending 61 years with her husband Vern. Her children, Jodie and husband Jeffery Holm of Denison, IA, Shirley and husband David Dalueg of New Ulm, NM, Keith Ochsner of Phoenix AZ, Steven and wife Barbara Ochsner of Fort Collins, CO. Eight grandchildren: Jessmyn and Joshua Holm of Denison, IA, Brooke (Justin) Dauer and Megan Dalueg of New Ulm, MN, Samuel and Kate Ochsner of Phoenix AZ, Alexander and Allison Ochsner of Fort Collins, CO. She enjoyed her grandchildren very much while sharing her talents with them. They all enjoyed her chocolate chip cookies. She enjoyed cooking and baking as long as someone was there to help eat and no one ever left her table hungry.

Ethel is survived by her sister Mavis Klaudt and brother in law Gordon Klaudt, and sister in law; Gladys Giedd. She was preceded in death by her husband Vern Ochsner; her parents; Jacob and Pauline (Bickel) Hofer; in laws; Martha & Alvin Berreth, Ruben & Verna Ochsner, Peter & Renata Ochsner, Esther & Rupert Mehlhaff, Lenora & Owen Schulz, Oscar & Delores Ochsner, Roger Giedd, Marcus Ochsner, and Carl & Marlena Ochsner-Weber.

They retired from farming in 2002 and did some traveling. They especially enjoyed traveling to all 50 states, visiting international countries and spending their winters in Arizona.

Memorial donations may be made in Ethel Ochsner's name to an organization of the donor's choice.

In Loving Memory Of:



Ethel Jane Ochsner

June 5, 1939 ~ February 14, 2022



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Ethel Jane Ochsner

82 Years ~ 8 Months ~ 9 Days

BORN:
June 5, 1939
Herreid, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY:
February 14, 2022
Ft. Collins, Colorado

FUNERAL SERVICE:
11:00 AM, Saturday, February 26, 2022
First Reformed Church
Herreid South Dakota

CLERGY:
Rev. Cody Schwichtenberg

PIANIST & SPECIAL MUSIC:
Angie Schwichtenberg

SONGS:
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
“O Take My Hand Dear Father”
“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

CASKETBEARERS:
Alexander Ochsner ~ Samuel Ochsner
Joshua Holm ~ Justin Dauer ~ Brooke Dauer
Megan Dalueg ~ Allison Ochsner ~ Kate Ochsner

HONORARY BEARERS:
All Ethel’s Friends

BURIAL:
Fairview Cemetery
Herreid, South Dakota

Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home.

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.