

*M*arlys Marie Gira (Rasmussen) was born on October 21, 1935, to Dan and Mary (Jensen) Rasmussen. She attended school at Danton and Wyndmere public schools. She was united in marriage to Jerome Gira, son of Bert and Mary (Pausch), on July 31, 1953. They made their home in Wahpeton, where they raised two daughters: Linda and Mary Kay.

Marlys worked for T+J and the Elks Club. In 1969, she began a 30-year career at NDSSS, later NDSCS, retiring in 1999. After retiring, she volunteered at St. Francis Hospital for 10 years.

She was a member of Evergreen United Methodist Church, Hope Circle, V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and Eagles Auxiliary. She loved being with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Reading, baking, crocheting, and embroidering were some of her favorite pastimes. Marlys and Jerry loved to travel, going to the West Coast to visit family and friends.

Marlys is survived by her daughters; Mary Kay (James) Smith and Linda (Larry) Swenson. Her six grandsons; Chad (Laura) Loosmore, Chris (Sue) Loosmore, Cory (Liz) Loosmore, Casey (Jen) Loosmore, Mike (Jen) Swenson and Nick (Michell) Swenson. 13 great grandchildren; Isaac (Morgan), Griffin, Marlee, Emerald, Ruby, Casandra, Cody, Riley, Mya, Laiken, Liam, Scarlett, Carter, Bastian. Extended family, Valerie Nelson-Gira and Madison (Emily) Nelson-Gira and Mary, and Thia Uhren. Marlys is also survived by her sister, Mildred Strege, and sister-in-law Bev Rasmussen

Marlys is preceded in death by her husband Jerome, parents Dan and Mary, daughter Betty Louise, brother Duane Rasmussen, and brother-in-law Elmer Strege, and niece Diane Gira.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of the Red River Valley or Evergreen United Methodist Church.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



Marlys Marie Gira
1935 - 2025

THOSE WHOM I LOVE
AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

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'.

Marlys Marie Gira



Born

October 21, 1935 | Wyndmere, North Dakota

Passed Away

July 16, 2025 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

89 Years | 7 Months | 25 Days

Funeral Service

1:00 PM | Saturday, July 19, 2025
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Valerie Nelson-Gira

Organist

Charlene Allen

Vocalist

Madison Nelson-Gira
"How Great Thou Art" | "Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Chad Loosmore | Mike Swenson | Chris Loosmore
Nick Swenson | Cory Loosmore | Casey Loosmore

Interment

Fairview Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota