

Fern Syverson was born on April 2, 1927, in Garborg Township to McCarl and Gina (Hegseth) Syverson. She learned the value of hard work early on, starting at the age of 14 when she worked for Melvin and Gusta Peterson. On September 17, 1947, Fern married Stanley Quam, and the couple lived west of Wyndmere until 1969, when they relocated to a property north of town. After Stanley's passing in 1977, Fern moved into Wyndmere. On June 4, 1988, Fern married Alfred Foyt.

A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Fern was a remarkable woman whose warmth and kindness left an everlasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Fern was known for her gentle spirit and vibrant personality—traits that made her a cherished figure in her community. Her dedication to nurturing and caring for her family was evident in everything she did. She was a proud mother to her daughters, Susan Gast, Karen (Daryl) Funk, Sandy (Mike) Marion, and Nancy (Frank) Hegseth, and to her son, Randy (Pam) Quam. She also embraced her role as a loving mother-in-law to Char Quam and Doris Quam. With immense pride, Fern would often share stories about her 17 grandchildren and her 41 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her immeasurable joy and fulfillment.

Fern's life was rich with experiences, having worked diligently for many years at Melvin Peterson's, spent seven impactful years at Wyndmere Public School, and several years working for Anderson's Service.

An avid quilter, baker, and embroidery enthusiast, Fern found joy in crafting and creating. Her passion for making lefsa and playing cards brought her closer to her loved ones, cultivating unforgettable memories that will be treasured by her family. Her beautiful flower gardens were a significant part of her life; they not only won her accolades as Wyndmere's Yard of the Week multiple times but also symbolized the love and care she nurtured in her world.

Fern was preceded in death by her husbands, Stanley Quam and Alfred Foyt, and her parents, McCarl and Gina (Hegseth) Syverson. She faced the devastating loss of two sons, Richard and Robert, and a beloved son-in-law, Gene Gast. Fern also grieved the passing of her two infant children, Ronald and Mary, and her sisters: Selma Breden, Inga Jordheim, Marian Schreiner, Gladys Dahlsad, and Anne Hektner.

Fern's legacy lives on in the hearts of her family and friends, who remember her not only for her achievements but for her selflessness and the boundless love she shared. Everyone loved Fern, and her spirit will continue to inspire and touch the lives of those she left behind.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Fern Oline Foyt

1927 - 2025

♥ *Those I Love* ♥

When I am gone, just release me,
let me go - so I can move into my
afterglow. ♥ *You mustn't tie* me down
with your tears; let's be happy
that we had so many years. ♥ *I gave you*
my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each 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
with trust. ♥ *It is only for a while* that
we must part, so bless the memories within
your heart. ♥ *And then*, when you must
come this way alone, I'll greet you with
a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Fern Oline Foyt



Born

April 2, 1927 | Garborg Township, North Dakota

Passed Away

February 28, 2025 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

97 Years | 10 Months | 24 Days

Funeral Service

10:30 AM | Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Wyndmere Lutheran Church | Wyndmere, North Dakota

Officiants

Pastor Brian Hanson | Pastor Phil Larson

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Soloists

Jason and Melissa Quam
"How Great Thou Art" | "Beside The Still Waters" | "One More Day"

Congregational Hymns

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" | "Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Who Called Fern Friend

Pallbearers

Jason Quam | Eric Deal | Brandon Quam | Kevin Gast
Craig Gast | Chad Hegseth | Jacob Wolff | Joe Funk

Interment at a Later Date

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery | Delamere, North Dakota