

Mavis Dorine (Bunn) Ternes was born August 17, 1925 on a farm three miles north of Lemmon, SD to Kenneth and Ella (Christenson) Bunn. Her father passed away when she was four months old. In 1929, John B. Well became her Dad, and in 1931 John's nephew, 19 month old Eugene Myron joined the family after his mother passed away. Mavis and Eugene always thought of each other as sister and brother.

Mavis graduated from Elgin High School in 1942 at the age of 16. She went to college that summer and by taking a test was able to begin her teaching career. She continued her education in the summers and took correspondence classes. She married Matt Ternes of Raleigh, ND on November 25, 1946 in New Leipzig. After moving to Lemmon, SD, she taught in rural schools in ND for several years. She moved to Bismarck in 2014 to be closer to family. She enjoyed nightly pinochle games. She embroidered many sets of dishtowels for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was an avid reader and always ready for the bookmobile when it came.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Maxine (Ron) Rugland of Mandan, ND, Maureen (Vern) Wandler of Puyallup, WA, Kevin Ternes of Phoenix, AZ; son-in-law, Robert Dewey of Dickinson, ND; seven grandchildren, Tammy (Shannon) Gallagher, Trampas (Kendra) Wandler, Trinity (Chad) Huttner, Brian (Jessica) Rugland, Lance Rugland, Seth (Dawn) Dewey, Justin (Sarah) Dewey; and seven great-grandchildren, Dawson Wandler, Savannah Gallagher, Avery and Addie Rugland, Adler and Tavin Huttner, and Amelia Dewey.

She was preceded in death by her husband; beloved daughter, Kelly Dewey; parents; step-dad; and brother.

In Loving Memory of



Mavis Ternes



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.



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Date and Place of Birth

August 17, 1925

Lemmon, SD

Date and Place of Death

October 31, 2024

Bismarck, ND

Rosary

10:00am

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Lemmon, SD

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30am

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Lemmon, SD

Fr. Adam Hoffer, officiating
Jill Anderson, musician

Casketbearers

Seth Dewey
Lance Rugland
Avery Rugland

Justin Dewey
Brian Rugland
Addie Rugland

Interment

Greenhill Cemetery

Lemmon, SD

"When shadows fall across our lives and dim the sunshine's glow, by being here you help us bear our grief and onward go." With that thought in mind, we thank you for attending today's service.

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