

Order Of Worship

Scripture Sentences

Prayer

Solo: Dave Peters  
"Give Me Jesus"

Prayer

Scripture Reading :  
Ecclesiastes 3  
Colossians 3:12-17

Eulogy:  
Rick Nissen

Congregational Hymn:  
"How Great Thou Art" #77

Responsive Reading:  
Psalm 23

Gospel:  
1 John 4:7-12

Sermon

Prayer of Commendation

Solo: Dave Peters  
"The Lord's Prayer"

Benediction

*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

Eva L. Nissen

February 20, 1928 - August 16, 2019

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 5, 2019  
United Methodist Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**MINISTER:**  
Rev. Brian Jones

**EULOGIST:**  
Rick Nissen

**USHERS:**  
Bob Templeton - Lloyd Swartz

**PIANIST:**  
Kevin Waller

**SOLOIST:**  
David Peters  
"The Lord's Prayer"  
"Give Me Jesus"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**  
"How Great Thou Art"

**INTERMENT:**  
3:30 p.m., Saturday, October 5, 2019  
GAR Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

Eva L. Nissen

February 20, 1928 - August 16, 2019



Flag of Friendship

As you fly this flag of friendship  
May true friends you never lack  
May your days be filled with happiness  
And the wind always at your back

Kites by K&E



Eva L. Nissen, 91 of Plymouth, MN and formerly of Miller, SD, loving and devoted mother and friend to all whose lives she touched, passed away Friday, August 16, 2019 in Plymouth, MN.

Eva Melber was born February 20th, 1928 at her rural home in St. Lawrence, South Dakota, the eighth of nine children to Ursula (Lieske) and George Melber. She graduated valedictorian from St Lawrence High School in 1947 and maintained her lifelong passion for learning with constant encouragement to her children to succeed in school.

While working at the Hand County Bank in Miller, Alvin Nissen “danced” his way into her life, and they married in 1949. They were blessed with five children: Alan (Roxanne) Nissen, Vicki (Bill) Hawn, Rick (Nancy) Nissen, Shelly Nissen, Lori (Tim) Nissen. Lars (Britt) Engebretsen “joined” the family in 1968 as an AFS student, and never left the Nissen clan in heart, body and soul.

Eva was very active volunteering in church, school and community activities. She loved being out of doors and spent many hours gardening and doing yard work. She enjoyed playing bridge and other card games; and she belonged to both golf and bowling leagues. She never missed any of her children’s activities or sporting events. Her love of children expanded to her 15 grandchildren and to great grandchildren who brought her great joy.

Eva helped Alvie run the Ford Garage in Miller until 1970, when they sold the dealership to allow them to follow their children’s activities and families. She continued to “work” part-time with Alvie at their

successful craft business throughout the Midwest; making countless new friends and acquaintances, as well as bringing much joy to all with their custom-made windsocks and kites.

Eva’s energy, youthfulness, creativity and passion for life were an inspiration to all. She left an impact on everyone she met, and everyone both loved her and was better off for knowing her. This was exemplified by all the staff and aides at her memory care facility lining up in the long hallway to give her an “honor guard” farewell at her last departure.

Eva was in her 91st year, finally losing her struggle with Alzheimers. Family was very important to Eva, and she recognized and enjoyed her children and grandchildren to the end.

She is survived by her brother, George (Donna) Melber; her children: Alan (Roxanne) Nissen of Lincoln, NE, Vicki (Bill) Hawn of Eau Claire, WI, Rick (Nancy) Nissen of Maple Grove, MN, Shelly Nissen of Bonicia, CA, Lori Nissen (Tim Bettenga) of Edina, MN and Lars (Britt) Engebretsen of Oslo, Norway; grandchildren: Kimberly Mason, Mark (Sarah), Matthew, Christina (Scott) Hawn, John (Olga) and Nicole Nissen-Hawer, Jessica and Jake Campbell, Grace and Lauren Bettenga, Jayme, Elizabeth (Mike), and Emily (Dylan) Nissen, Connor and Page Nissen, Truls (Sarah) and Jonas Engebretsen; and 12 great grandchildren: Carson, Leo, Iris, Brady, Mateo, Maddox, William, Olivia, Emilylyn, Maverick, Nora and Ella; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.