

I've left the valley,
The place I dearly loved.
I'll rise up over the mountains
To my heavenly home above.

I've finished the work put before me,
My goal here on earth is complete
I'll go to the gates of Heaven
And kneel at my Savior's feet.

Don't mourn that I have left you--
Tomorrow's a brand new day.
Pick up the torch that's fallen
And take it all the way.

Remember what I have told you--
Make Christ in your life supreme.
Prepare for the journey I've taken,
Keep your eyes on Heaven's beam.

In my New Home I'm happy,
Death has set me free.
I'll be here just waiting--
For you to come to join me.

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In Loving
M E M O R Y

Margaret Mae Starks

August 21, 1929 - March 22, 2021



"I've fought the good fight,
I've finished my course"

Margaret Mae Starks, 91, of Miller, peacefully completed her journey and gracefully met her Savior at her home on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Margaret Mae (Parmely) Starks was born to Ferrill and Mabel (Campbell) Parmely on August 21, 1929. She attended Hiland Township grade school where she met a young, handsome fella by the name of Richard Starks. He made it well known he was to be called Dick. She graduated from Miller High School in 1946 at the age of sixteen. She went on to attend college in Aberdeen, earning a primary grade teaching certificate.

She taught school at the Pearl, Bates, and Hiland Townships, where she taught some of her siblings.

Dick lost his shyness, finally proposing to Margaret. They were married October 14, 1949. To this union were born eight unique, smart, witty, exuberant, shy, creative children. As you can see, there were no dull moments in the Starks' household. They farmed in Hand County until the end of 1957, moving to Valentine, Nebraska in January, 1958.

Margaret was a devoted caregiver to Frank and Bessie Mullin, Dick's aunt and uncle, who resided with the family until their death. Shortly thereafter, four foster children joined the family of eight for several years. Through Margaret's faith, she endured the tragic death of Dick at the age of 43, and three of her children later in life.

Margaret made the move to Miller in 1974 with Vonn, Terrill, and Tammie. She taught Sunday School for several years and did kitchen service at funerals.

She took advantage of various part time work opportunities which included First National Bank, Miller Livestock, Pierson Greenhouse, and substitute teaching as well as working in the Miller School lunchroom.

She thoroughly enjoyed playing cards at the senior center, and spending time with family and friends. She loved going to school activities, karaoke, dancing, league bowling, and was an avid baseball fan. She thoroughly enjoyed her Mountain Dew and Peanut M&M's well, actually, All candy.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Leonda (Larry) Anglin, Lafran (Rodger) Preble, Stavan Starks, Vonn Starks, Tammie (Bob) Waldrop; daughters-in-law: Joann Starks, Barbara Starks; and son-in-law, Steve Hendershot; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren; sisters: Mildred (Lowell) Engel, Marles Dean, and Beth (Jack) Engel; in-laws: Ellen Parmely, Genevieve Parmely, Gene Swaney, Pat Starks, and Margaret Starks; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Waiting for her at Heaven's gates are her husband, Dick; children: Surn, Crain, and Terrill; her parents, Ferrill and Mabel Parmely; siblings and siblings-in-law: Wayne Parmely, Viola (June) Ford, Roger Dean, Clark (Ruby) Parmely, Otis (Natalie) Parmely, Wydell Parmely, James Parmely, Lenarda Swaney, Bob Starks, Clarence Starks, Dorie (Del) Olson, Tom Starks, and Mae (Milton) Schmidt.

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Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2021
United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

10:00 a.m., Friday, March 26, 2021
United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister:

Rev. Brian Jones

Casketbearers:

Blake Sintek - Todd Sintek - Chad Starks - Damon Anglin
Wyhett Anglin - Trevin Preble - Slone Waldrop
Trey Waldrop - Holt Hendershot - Wade Saddler

Honorary Casketbearers:

All Margaret's Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren

Soloists:

Jack Engel
Werdel Girls

Musical Selections:

"Amazing Grace"
"God Walks These Hills with Me"
"Hallelujah"
"Old Rugged Cross"

Burial:

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota