

Phyllis Delores Gronfur was born May 14, 1937 to Erling and Cora (Njos) Johnson at Wildrose, North Dakota. She was raised in rural Alamo and educated at Alamo High School, graduating at the age of sixteen in 1953.

On October 3, 1953 she was united in marriage to Erling Duane Gronfur in Wheelock, ND. The couple made their first home on the Gronfur place. They moved into Williston in 1958. They continued to farm and Phyllis was Duane's right hand on the farm. She could do anything from driving truck or combine as well as fixing meals for the men on the farm. During the winter months while living in Williston and raising their children, Phyllis worked at Piggly Wiggly and later the Family Thrift Center. Summers were spent on the farm. For a time, Phyllis and Duane owned and operated the Gateway Market in Williston. They moved back to the farm in 1974. When time allowed from farming, she and Duane loved to travel and had made several trips to Norway and many places in the United States. When they retired from farming, they moved back to Williston where they have resided since.

She had a love of music and enjoyed playing the piano and accordion. She played piano/organ at Wheelock Lutheran Church, Bethel Home and many community events. She even played accordion and gave lessons for a time. Together, she and Duane would travel and entertain sharing their music for most any occasion. She had a strong faith and shared those teachings with her family and Sunday school. Having family together was very important to her. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were especially important to her and she closely followed their activities. She was also one to keep in close touch with friends and family.

Phyllis was a charter member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston, which began as a congregation at the Sletten-Erdahl Funeral Home. She was a member of the Wheelock Cemetery Association, Williston Sons of Norway, and Williston Concert Association and was proud to serve as field staff for the North Dakota Farmers Union for many years. She was also a member of her birthday club and the first to leave after more than 50 years together.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Duane of Williston, ND; sons, Doug Gronfur of Williston, ND and Daryl (Diane) Gronfur of Bismarck, ND; daughters, Cheryl (Aldean) Landro of Ray, ND and Kristi (Brett) Olson of Williston, ND; eight grandchildren, Michael (Lorelei) Landro of Williston, ND, Erika Landro of Lignite, ND, Amy (Ira) Walter of Stanley, ND, Christopher "CJ" Gronfur, Minneapolis, MN, Justin (Carmen) Gronfur of Fargo, ND, Shawn (Rachel) Olson of Williston, ND, Alyssa Olson, Williston, ND and Kinsi Olson currently attending UND at Grand Forks, ND; eight great-grandchildren, Parker Landro, Hannah Landro, Madison Walter, Ashley Walter, Mercedes Olson, Kailyn Olson, Brent Gronfur and Anna Gronfur; sister, Arlene (Harold) Tvedt of Williston, ND; and uncle, Henry Halvorson of Williston, ND; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Curtis Johnson; nephew, Erling Curtis Johnson; and a niece, Char Grondahl.

In Loving Memory *Phyllis Gronfur*



THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that morning,
that God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone;

for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide;

and though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

~author unknown~

In Memory Of

Phyllis Gronfur

Date And Place Of Birth

May 14, 1937

Wildrose, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

November 28, 2012

Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Service

11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Kay Reeb

Rev. Steve Anderson

Musicians

Terra (Liffrig) Erickson ~ Pianist

Roxanne and Brittany Hanson

Kinsi and Alyssa Olson

Casketbearers

Justin Gronfur

Christopher (C.J.) Gronfur

Shawn Olson

Mike Landro

Ira Walter

Parker Landro

Honorary Bearers

All of Phyllis' Friends & Family

Interment

Wheelock Cemetery

Wheelock, North Dakota



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