

Harriet Lorene Hillesland died peacefully in the Sidney Extended Care on Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Sidney, Montana at the age of 86.

Harriet was born on January 26, 1931 in Florence, SD. She graduated from Watertown High school in 1949. She married Alton Hillesland in 1954. They lived many places in North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Montana, most recently in Culbertson and Watford City before settling and retiring in Sidney, Montana.

Harriet, daughter of Christian and Hilda Ohnstad, was the youngest of 9 children and is survived by her husband, Alton and four children: Tom (Marie) Hillesland, Helena, MT; Jeff (Sally) Hillesland, LaCrosse, WI; Chris (Billie) Hillesland, Sidney, MT; Sana (Ken) Keller, Phoenix, AZ; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Wilma Lien and Gladys Bates. She is preceded in death by two brothers, four sisters and one grandson, Jade.

Harriet served in many capacities in the churches where Alton was pastor, including women's Bible study groups, quilting groups, Vacation Bible School, and her favorite: directing choirs, especially children's choirs.

Harriet excelled at keeping their home warm and inviting, complete with the wonderful aromas of fresh-baked bread and supper simmering on the stove, along with a freezer filled with assorted homemade cookies, pies and bars so that expected or unexpected visitors would be well-fed. She enjoyed creating new recipes and won awards in recipe competitions with her most favored recipe being Chocolate Cinnamon Rolls.

She was known for her abilities as a seamstress, willing to tackle anything, from men's suits to living room draperies to prom dresses, not to mention the majority of clothing for her children and herself.

Harriet made time to share her cooking, baking and sewing skills with countless women and girls. Her sharing culminated in the creation of a cookbook entitled, "Clean Your Plate & Kiss the Cook", which included over 450 recipes. All proceeds from sales of the cookbooks were contributed to the building of water wells in African villages. Through Harriet's efforts, 3 wells were drilled in Africa, providing clean water for hundreds of families.

In Loving Memory Of



Harriet Lorene Hillesland

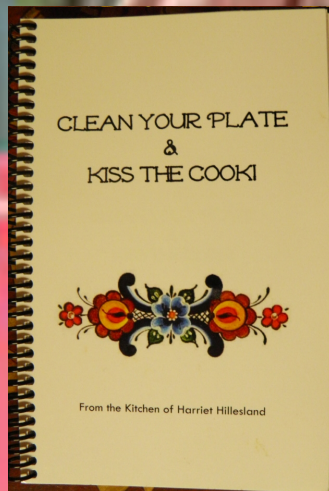
January 26, 1931

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The Journey

by Larry Sandman

I set out my journey
when I was very young.
I knew not where the winding
road would go.
My Friend, He traveled with me –
I never felt alone –
He told me everything I had to know.
At times the way was easy,
the road was straight and smooth,
the sky was blue and everything
looked bright.
At times the road was rugged,
the hills were long and steep,
and darkness hid the view ahead
from sight



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Born

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Died

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Funeral Services

3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Pella Lutheran Church

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Roberta Pierce

Music

Mary Pfau Doris Norby

Casketbearers:

Terran Hillesland John Hillesland

Ron Steffens John Dynneson

Ann Marie Bentz Amy Ryan

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Harriet's many friends and family

Ushers

Garry Steinley Robert Albin

Greg Miller Chuck Lowman

Interment

Cremation

Lunch will be served in the church

Fellowship hall following services

*You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures
with the family at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home*

Website: www.fulkersons.com