



Harriet Friesen

November 12, 1927 - November 1, 2024

Harriet Friesen, 96 year old resident of Upsala, MN passed away Friday, November 1, 2024 at the St. Cloud, Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A graveside service will take place at 4 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Elmdale Evangelical Free Cemetery in Elmdale, MN. Caring for Harriet and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Harriet Elaine Petersen Friesen was born on November 12, 1927 in Swan River Township, Morrison County to the late Marcus and Ruby (Melin) Petersen. She attended elementary school at District 25 in the one room schoolhouse. Harriet graduated from Little Falls High School in 1945 and went on to attend St. Paul Bible College after graduation. After college she began working for the Canadian Sunday School Mission on Saskatoon, Canada. Harriet was united in marriage to Ernie Friesen on May 20, 1958. Together they lived and worked in Saskatchewan, Canada moving to Moorhead, MN and later Washington State. She attended Wapato Church of God and was active in music ministry, bible teaching and helping with the young kids. She retired from Delmonte at age 65 and began working in Yakima as a caregiver and retired at age 81. Harriet moved back to Upsala, MN with her sister Elvira. She had a love for adventure, climbing mountains and traveling the world, her adventure on earth had been exchanged for a new adventure in heaven.

Harriet was preceded in death by parents, Marcus and Ruby Petersen; husband, Ernie Friesen; sister, Elvera Kienbaum; brother, Lothard Petersen.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Henry Kienbaum, Paul Kienbaum, Ruby Kienbaum, Rebecca Kienbaum; great-nieces, Brittany Vogel and Bella Lopez.

A very special thanks to her caregivers Jackie and Joanie. In recent years she was unable to get to church and she will forever hold South Elmdale Community Church in Holdingford close to her heart.