

Frances Lunn – Diploma 1952 Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing

Frances "Frankie" Lunn, of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away peacefully Jan. 27, 2019, surrounded by family. Frankie was 86.

Frances J. Gillen, the daughter of William and Mildred (Wenaas) Gillen, was born Oct. 18, 1932, in Bismarck. Frankie graduated from Bismarck High School in 1950. Following high school, she attended Bismarck School of Nursing, graduating with a nursing diploma in 1952. Frankie worked at Quain and Ramstad Clinic in Bismarck as a pediatric clinic nurse for almost four years, until her first son was born.

On Oct. 17, 1953, Frankie was united in marriage with Gerald E. Lunn at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The couple made their home in Bismarck, where their four children were born - Gary, Robert, Michael and Kari.

Frankie was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck and First Lutheran in Sioux Falls, S.D. She found great pleasure in their community, devoting her life to raising her family, assisting her parents and volunteer work at church and in the nursing field. She also accompanied two of her children to Europe as a chaperone for choir tours. Faith and family were truly her greatest passions. She enjoyed spending time with everyone at the family cabins in Minnesota and Lake Isabel in North Dakota.

Frankie loved playing cards - it didn't matter if it was "Go Fish" with her grandkids, solitaire or weekly bridge club sessions in Bismarck.

In 2004, Gerald and Frankie moved to Sioux Falls to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Frankie was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin and great-grandmother, plus a cherished friend to many. Anyone who knew our mom remembers her welcoming smile, cheerful nature, comfortable home and huge heart. She endured many health challenges later in life that limited her ability to travel as she would have liked. She was the toughest woman ever with a resilient spirit. Clever and joyful, she filled our lives with love and music. She taught us to be caring, compassionate people. She will be deeply missed every day.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Robert Lunn, Michael (Susan) Lunn and Kari (Mike Gerszewski) Lunn; five grandchildren, Brendan (Emily) Lunn, Noah Gerszewski, Jacob Gerszewski, Sophia Lunn and Zachariah Lunn; great-grandson, Cody Lunn; brothers, Mick (Donna) and Bill; sister-in-law, Joann Lunn; many nieces, nephews, cousins and childhood friend, Betty Mohler.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gerry; and her son, Gary Lunn.

A special thank-you to all the staff at Trail Ridge Assisted Living apartments and Palisades Manor in Garretson, S.D.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Bismarck.

(Miller Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, www.millerfh.com)