



Donna Marie Halland

July 24, 2017

Donna Marie Halland, of Brook Park MN, (rural Kanabec County) was surrounded by her family when she passed away peacefully on Monday July 24th, 2017, at the age of 94.

Donna was born to Raymond and Dora (Hertz) Moore, in Fargo, North Dakota on May 1st, 1923. The family moved to Minneapolis prior to the birth of her two sisters Betty and Dorothy. The sisters grew up together in the Cities and later were raised in either foster or boarding homes.

As a young woman, Donna attended Minneapolis Vocational High School and helped support her family by working in Minneapolis machinery shops producing products needed for the war effort in the early 1940's. Through her career she also worked at Honeywell and cared for others as a nurse's aide and care giver.

During the war, Donna and her sister Betty were pen pals with some servicemen overseas. When the servicemen returned to the States, the ladies finally got to meet the fellows they had been writing to. On August 24th, 1946 Sergeant Lyle Halland and Donna married and settled down in the Twin Cities area. Over the next 35 years they raised their own seven children and also helped care for the children of extended family members, and foster children, totaling 14 kids all together.

In 1976 Donna and Lyle purchased their farm in rural Kanabec County, where they enjoyed the freedom of their life in the country. They enjoyed country music, polka music and dancing, along with social activities and Lyle's building projects. They continued to assist and guide their children and grandchildren for many years.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; Lyle, her husband of 58 years; sister, Dorothy Moore; son, Keith; and daughter, Ann. Donna is survived by her loving children, Allen, Terry (Janet Hince), Dean, Mark, Dawn (Gordon) Gullixson, Kent (Carolyn Kasak), Neil (Chrissy Butler); Donna's sister, Betty Monson; and niece, Sharon Cronin. She was also blessed to have 14 grandchildren, Brenda, Kelley, Rod, Brad, Kathryn, Kyle, Sarah, Carl, Melissa, Jeremy, Derrik, Brandon, Adrian, Rachel; and 13 great grandchildren, Peytyn, Taytym, Andy, Enna, Mason, Tate, Addy, Ian, Lily, Emmett, Kaitlyn, Nathan, Jaylee.

Donna's funeral service will be held on, July 29th, 2017, at 2:00 pm at Hillside Cemetery and Funeral Home, 2610 19th Ave. N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55418. Phone 612-781-1999. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.