



Mrs. Lila Mae Mattke

July 30, 1935 - November 14, 2018

Lila Fossen Mattke was born in Ortonville, MN July 30, 1935 to Lester and Lavone Fossen. She was baptized at the Holden Lutheran Church and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church both in Beardsley. After graduating from Beardsley High School, she attended Moorhead State Teachers College graduating in 1955. She taught in Glenwood, MN two years. On August 25, 1957 she was united in marriage to Kenneth Martens at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, Lila taught in Dilworth, MN while Ken furthered his education at NDSU in Fargo, ND. After he graduated, they moved to Grand Forks, ND. In 1961 they moved to Redwood Falls, MN. Lila returned to teaching in 1963. She taught in Franklin, Morton, Renville and in Redwood Falls. It was always her goal to be a teacher and she loved her profession, giving her all every day to her students. Her special-ed students often called on her in her home. After her teaching success and accomplishments, she retired in 1997 after teaching in Redwood Falls for 25 years. Lila was a member of the RFEA with the Redwood Falls School District. She served on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Minnesota Reading Council several years. She belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma. When the Redwood Falls School District was preparing to build the new school and remodel Reede Gray Elementary, she was one of two faculty members on the Long Range Planning Committee. Lila was honored by her peers in 1983 as the Elementary Outstanding Teacher. She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, Bible School and

belonged to a Circle. Lila was a charter member of General Federation of Women's Clubs, Audacia Study Club, where she enjoyed their yearly fundraiser, the Christmas Tour of Homes, their support of the Public Library, the hospital and filling the downtown planters with flowers each spring. Her friend, Colleen Moore, and Lila were responsible for bringing the Redwood Concert Series to the Redwood Falls Community in the 60's. She is delighted that the community is still enjoying the concerts. She enjoyed attending musicals and concerts, playing the piano, sing-alongs with friends, playing bridge, snowmobiling and attending high school and college sports events. She never missed a chance to attend her children's and grandchildren's music and sporting events. She is preceded in death by her sister, Mary Doschadis. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Herbert Mattke; two children, Leslie (Scott Hugdahl) Martens of Eden Prairie , MN and Dr. Hal (Pam) Martens of Tyler, TX. Two grandsons, Mitch and Matt Hugdahl, three step children, Tori (Bill) Irwin, Gena (Alan) Olson, both of Apple Valley, MN, Paul Mattke of Los Angeles, CA. Eight step grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews. Memorials preferred to NC Little Hospice or Achieving Cures Together. Memorial service will be held at 11AM with visitation one hour prior, on Tuesday, November 27th at Grace Lutheran Church, 7800 West County Road 42, Apple Valley.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church (Apple Valley)
7800 West County Road 42
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Church Service

NOV **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Apple Valley, MN 55124

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lila Mae Mattke.* ”



November 26, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lila Mae Mattke.* ”



November 21, 2018 at 11:32 AM

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“ *To Herb, Leslie, Hal and family-*

I am very sorry to hear this news about Lila. She was a very special lady to many people and I'm one for sure. I was privileged to work with her as a para in the classroom at Reede Gray Elementary the first year I was a para for the District. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor. We were not only co-workers but good friends all these years.

She touch many lives of students and the people she worked with.

Our deepest and sincere sympathy in your loss. Our thoughts and prayers with you today and the days ahead. She will be missed.

Rick and Kim Petersen

Redwood Falls

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