

**Celebration of the Life of
Marlys Maxine Jantz**

December 7, 1942 to November 22, 2023 Age 80 years
North Star Mennonite Church, Drake, Saskatchewan
Thursday, November 30, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Prayer

In the bulb there is a flower HWB #614

Stories:

From Marlys' brothers:

Richard and Donald Epp (read by Richard)

From the family:

Willis, Rhonda and Greg

(read by granddaughter Avrey JantzKrahn)

From a colleague:

Lauren Featherby (read by niece Elaine Schroeder)

Special music: Donald Epp (brother) and Jessica Petrie (niece)

Scripture: Psalm 147:1-5; Matthew 7:24-27 Peter Nicholson

Meditation

When peace, like a river HWB #336

Benediction

Postlude – God be with you till we meet again

Pastor: Lisa Martens Bartel

Pianist: Joanne Bergen

Song leader: Leona Ewert

Sound: Ivan Bartel

Ushers: Carolyn and Floyd Bartel, Myrven Kline and Emery Laskowski

Guest register attendants: Debbie Bloomquist and Diann Siegfried

Memorial Table: Lynda Wolfe

Bulletin Cover: Kia JantzKrahn (granddaughter)

There are copies of Marlys' stories at the back if you'd like to take them with you or to share with anyone you think may be interested.

Please join Marlys' family at the Drake Community Center for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of Central Parkland Lodge for their excellent care and compassion.

Memorial donations in honor of Marlys may be made to Central Parkland Lodge Activities Department.

Marlys was born and adopted by Isaac and Gladys (Dirks) Epp on December 7, 1942. With her family, she moved around from Waldheim to British Columbia, Saskatoon to Drake. Marlys graciously moved back to Drake in 1965 to be with her brothers, Richard and Donald, after the tragic passing of their parents.

1961 marked the beginning of her teaching career that spanned 39 years. Marlys treasured her school community connections. Marlys was married to Willis in 1966 and they had 2 children, Rhonda and Greg and lived on the Jantz farm for 50 years. Marlys and her family enjoyed participating in church (locally and with the Provincial and Canadian conferences), with community, and with friends and family. Marlys especially loved activities such as camping trips, card making, collecting pottery, reading, planning, taking care of others, and of course, visits with all of you. With each new activity, her wealth of connections grew. All these people were very special to Marlys.

Marlys struggled with many health issues after retirement. She and Willis moved into town in 2016 to enjoy a simpler life and then in January 2022 she moved to Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan where she had excellent care and continued connecting with those around her. Marlys and Willis' connection also grew these last years as did their faith in God.

Marlys will be lovingly remembered by:

her husband: Willis Jantz,

her children: Rhonda (Ed) JantzKrahn and Greg (Tamara Kononoff)

her grandchildren: Kia (Josh) Braun, Avrey JantzKrahn, and Nolan Kononoff

her greatgrandchildren: Harvey Dean Braun and Watson Braun

her brothers: Richard (Gwenyth) Epp and Donald (Dawn) Epp

as well as many other family members and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents: Isaac and Gladys Epp.

Arrangements entrusted to
Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service, Watrous.



A quote from "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein

And as each generation
played
in her strong old branches,
The tree often thought back to the fateful
day when the boy had asked her for
a house. In truth, she would have
gladly given him her branches
to build one.
She would have given him her trunk
to build a boat.
She loved him that much.



- Marlys Jantz -

*Wife, Mom, Gma, GGma,
teacher, and friend*

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