



## Ardyn Ardyl Mattson

April 12, 1929 - February 4, 2017

Ardyn Ardyl Mattson, age 87, of Dickinson, North Dakota, formerly of Beach, North Dakota, passed away in Dickinson on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Ardyn was born on April 12, 1929 in Eureka, South Dakota, a daughter of Fred Thurn and Magdalene (Bietz) Thurn. She was raised and educated in Wishek, North Dakota graduated from Wishek High School with the class of 1947. She then attended NDSU and graduated with a degree in Home Economics education in 1951. While in college, she met the love of her life, Walter Mattson. They were married in Wishek on July 20, 1952.

After college, Ardyn taught Home Economics in Harvey, North Dakota for one year. Walter and Ardyn then moved to Beach where she taught Home Economics at Beach High School, pausing only to raise her family. After they were older, she went back to teaching in Beach for many years and then she substituted.

In later years, Ardyn loved to travel with Walt to see her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Beach where she was very involved in teaching Sunday School, the bell choir, arranging flowers for the sanctuary, cooking and serving funeral dinners and all other types of food at the church. Ardyn was also very involved in WELCA at her church and was a big supporter and worked at the Badlands Ministry Bible Camp in Medora. She loved quilting and spent many hours at the church sewing quilts together.

Ardyn was very community minded and worked at promoting and entering the

Golden Valley County Fair, a member of Copper Kettle Homemakers Club. She was also very helpful with the Golden Valley County Museum and the library.

Ardyn was preceded in death by her husband Walt, her parents, an infant sister and her son-in-law Carl Monson.

Ardyn is survived by her two daughters, Karen (Rick) Thompson of Dickinson and Karla Mattson of Bottineau, North Dakota; her son, Kent (Sharie) Mattson of Carrington, North Dakota; her sister-in-laws, Lois Dalthorp of Billings, Montana and Sandra Mattson of Eugene, Oregon; her grandchildren, Erica Thompson, Evan (Heather) Thompson, Brandon Mattson, Taylor (Sheena) Mattson, Erin Mattson, Maggie Mattson, Zack Monson, Alicia Monson and two great grandchildren, Parker Mattson and Laiken Mattson.

Memorials may be made to Badlands Bible Camp, the First Lutheran Church or the Golden Valley Fair Board Association.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Beach Lutheran Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

FEB 10. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
225 2nd Ave SE  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ardyn Ardyl Mattson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ardyn was a wonderful person. She was my home ec teacher in high school in Beach. I babysat for her children and had many wonderful visits over the years. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

*Rhoda (Olsrud) MacKenzie*

**Rhoda MacKenzie** - February 10, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *Ardyn was a God's blessing in our families lives. We have many special memories of her in our lives. Visiting with her was like a piece of heaven. Her faith radiated in everything she did. We shall miss her visits and the warmth in God she radiated.*

*The Tom Heckaman Family*

**Jo Heckaman** - February 10, 2017 at 06:53 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to Ardyn's family. I remember Walt and Ardyn being so welcoming when I started working with Walt -- he was a rock to lean on for this newbie. Ardyn always had a smile and twinkle in her eye, and always up for a good chuckle. They both made such an impact on the Beach community, their influence will be around for a long, long time.

We hope that the memories you all shared as a family will help ease your sorrow.

Gordon and Sharon (Kickertz) Gerbig

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Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig - February 09, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ardyn Ardyn Mattson.



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February 09, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers for Arden's family and friends. What a special lady! I'll always cherish the memory how instrumental she was, many, many years ago, to get me involved in the work of WELCA. She always wore a smile. Rest In Peace Arden.

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Lila Ellison - February 08, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ardyn Ardyn Mattson.*



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February 08, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Mattson Family.*



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**Bob Mattson** - February 08, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *My prayers to your family. She was a beautiful lady and was so giving of the community. Mom so enjoyed having coffee with your mother. Walt and Ardyn made Beach a much better place to live. There was nothing better than to see her beautiful flowers and your dad's chicken at the fair! Hugs to you all.*  
*Marilyn Barthel Moe*

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**Marilyn Barth Moe** - February 08, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ *The Arc of Dickinson, Inc. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ardyn Ardyn Mattson.*



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**The Arc of Dickinson, Inc.** - February 07, 2017 at 04:26 PM

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“ Ardyn and Walt lived a block up the street from us. The lawn was always mowed and the flowers were so beautiful. Walking by you always got a Hi or a wave and some times a long visit. One of the prettiest flowers was the lighted poinsettia on the front of their house each year. Loved her hugs. Missing them. Cherish all the great memories till you meet with them again.

Janel and Bud Ordahl - February 07, 2017 at 02:38 PM

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“ Jim and I both enjoyed Ardyn very much since she moved into Hawks Point. Jim had coffee with her many days after exercise, and I played Scrabble with her and visited with her at Hawks Point Book Club. She was a lovely and interesting woman. Please accept our sincere sympathy as you mourn her death.  
Jim and Sonja Ozbun

Sonja Ozbun - February 07, 2017 at 01:33 PM

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“ Gwen And Darrel Oech lit a candle in memory of Ardyn Ardyl Mattson



Gwen and Darrel Oech - February 06, 2017 at 03:18 PM