

Vivian Allene Marker

age 90, was born January 23, 1930, in Tulsa OK, the daughter of William Everett Daniel, a welder in a machine shop, and Mary Rosalie (Claypool) Daniel, a seamstress at a garment factory. Vivian lived through the Dust Bowl and World War II, before finding work at a Sears store in high school. After graduating from Will Rogers High School in Tulsa OK in 1948, she was employed as a keypunch operator for American Airlines in their Tulsa offices, where she entered passenger ticket data. A roommate set her up on a blind date at a dance one night, where she met a young draftsman for Standard Oil Company (later called Amoco) by the name of Ronald J Crail. They hit it off and were married on March 18, 1950 in Claremore, OK. They moved into a home in Tulsa, and Vivian left employment to become a full-time homemaker and mother to their two sons, Ronald J Crail Jr, and Erick E Crail. Following her husband's untimely death of a heart attack in Aug 1962, Vivian continued to stay at home to raise her boys, and would often take them to visit her mother, Mary Daniel, in Depew OK, some 70 miles from Tulsa. Mary Daniel's best friend was her next-door neighbor, Belle Marker. Belle had a son, Rudy Marker, whose first wife had died in a car accident in Nov 1962, leaving him to raise their four children. The six children had played together many times on weekend visits with their respective grandmothers. About a year later, Mary & Belle planned a 4th of July picnic at a nearby lake. They conspired with the children to be sure to return home with their grandmothers, leaving Rudy and Vivian to ride back from the lake together. Their match-making efforts worked; after a year of dating, Vivian Allene Crail married Marion Ruedell (Rudy) Marker on June 9, 1964 in Tulsa OK. They bought a home in Prague OK, where Rudy was employed as a Pumper for Amerada Petroleum Corp. They enjoyed fishing and camping with the family in their pick-up camper, and took up square dancing. In 1968, Amerada transferred the family to Belfield ND, where Rudy continued to work for what was later known as Amerada Hess Corporation until retiring in 1986. Vivian and Rudy helped found the Town & Country Square Dance Club of Belfield, and served as presidents of the Club for many years. Vivian enjoyed bowling, crafts, sewing, crocheting, gardening, and doting on their beloved dogs, Tuffy, Cricket, Muffy, Sugar, and Maggie. She had a real knack for crossword puzzles, completing the

big Sunday puzzles in under an hour (in ink!) She was a voracious reader, and the house was always stocked with many magazines, books, and encyclopedias. In retirement, they enjoyed traveling in their fifth-wheel RV camper, taking it on adventures to Florida, California, Canada, and many trips to visit relatives back in Oklahoma. Vivian was named after her Aunt Vivian; to avoid confusion, her family called her by her middle name, which her parents had taught her to spell "Aline"; it was many years later she discovered the doctor had misspelled it, so she switched to using the "Allene" spelling of her birth certificate. In recent years she began using Vivian, as it was easier for others to spell and pronounce. But she always maintained her most important name was "Mom." Following complications from diabetes and other ailments, Vivian moved into the Evergreen Assisted Living Center in Dickinson in 2013. She was always pleased and grateful for the compassionate care she received during her seven years there. Vivian Allene Marker is survived by a brother, Jerry (Betty) Daniel of Hurst TX; her sons, Ronald J (Donna) Crail Jr of Dickinson ND, and Erick E Crail of St Louis Park MN; a step-son, Allen D Marker of the Philippines; two step-daughters, Yvonne (Tommy) Whitely of Depew OK, and Teri M (Raymond) Owens of Bethany OK; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, William & Mary Daniel; her husbands, Ronald J Crail and Marion ("Rudy") Marker; three brothers, Billy Daniel, James Francis ("J.F.") (DeDe) Daniel, and Tommy (Pearla) Daniel; a half-sister, Betty Posey; and a step-daughter, Donita ("Nita") Marker. Services will be held at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel at 2067 1st St W in Dickinson ND on Thursday August 20th. A public viewing will be held at 10am MDT, with the funeral services following at 11am MDT. To protect the health of all attending, the family requests facemasks be worn; they will be available at the services if you need one. Following the services, she will be taken to Mandan ND to be buried with her husband Rudy at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at 3pm CDT / 2pm MDT. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested for Oreo's Animal Rescue (93 21st St E, Dickinson ND 58601) in memory of all the dogs who brought so much joy to her life, or to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org/donate), whose research helped her become a 22-year breast cancer survivor.

In Loving Memory *Vivian* *Marker*



January 23, 1930 - August 12, 2020

Vivian Marker

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

David Coleman

MUSIC:

Sandy Tibor

PALLBEARERS:

All of Vivian's Family & Friends

INTERMENT:

Wednesday, August 20, 2020 3:00 p.m. CT

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

