



## Marlys Bergjord

August 8, 1936 - March 29, 2023

Marlys Bergjord, age 86, of Tea, SD, passed away March 29, 2023 at the Banner Gateway Medical Center, Gilbert, AZ.

Marlys Joan Bergjord was born on August 8, 1936 on a farm near Tea, SD, to Donald and Hilcarrie "Kate" (Meyer) Jongeling. She attended Tea grade school and Lennox High School. Marlys worked in the grocery store in Lennox during high school and played the bell lyre in marching band. She attended SDSU for one year.

On March 26, 1958, she was united in marriage to Gordon Bergjord at the Second Reformed Church, Lennox. While Gordon was in the service, the couple lived in El Paso, TX, until Gordon went overseas to Formosa. When he got home, they lived in Monterey, CA, until he was discharged. That was the only time Marlys lived further than 5 miles away from Tea. Gordon and Marlys' first home was in the Hoffman house, where Linda was born. Their second home was the Hanson place, where Judi was born. Cary was born when they lived on the Atkins place. They bought their farm in 1971, where they have lived ever since. In addition to helping Gordon on the farm, Marlys drove school bus and then went back to school to become a music teacher. She graduated in 1978. Marlys taught at the Boys and Girls Club in Sioux Falls, Hurley Schools, Calvin Christian Elementary, Sioux Falls Christian and Lowell School in Sioux Falls.

Marlys was an active member of Tea Trinity Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and directing the Handbell Choir and the Men's Chorus, as well as being

involved with the WELCA. She was also active in the Tea Historical Society and the Lincoln County Women's Extension Club.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Gordon, daughters: Linda Bergjord, Winner, SD, Judi Bergjord, Bellvue, NE and Cary (Mike) Specht, Gilbert, AZ; sisters: Lois Ebling and Ruth Martin; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Hilcarrie "Kate" Jongeling and Gordon's parents, Oscar and Rosella Bergjord, and her brother, Roger Jongeling; Gordon's brothers: Donald Bergjord and Roger Bergjord; Gordon's sisters: Esther Wheeler, Mavis VanOort and JoAnn Kangus.

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD, with burial to follow in teh Tea Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation, also at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

# Tribute Wall

KS

*“ I was very sad to read that Marlys passed. She was such a great lady and always so nice. I will always treasure her playing the bells at First (Reformed) Church of Monroe at a lovely Christmas Eve program. She touched the heart of many with her God given talents. May our Lord & Saviour surround you with peace and comfort at this difficult time. Marlys' dear family has my most sincere sympathy.*

**Karlene Schoenwald** - April 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

*“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family.*

**Arlo & Vonnie Larson** - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KJ

*“ sorry for your loss, She will be missed*

**Kay Jaeger** - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CV

*“ Sympathy to your family. My children had her as a teacher at SFC. I worked with her there as well. Saw her just a few weeks back at a retired teachers lunch. She was always so upbeat. She will be missed.*

**Claire Vanvoorst** - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BW

*“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Marlys’s passing. She will be sincerely missed. May the promise of Eternal Life give you comfort and peace at this very sad time.*

**Bonnie Wolthuis** - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BW

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**Bonnie Wolthuis** - April 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Gordon, Linda, Judi, Cari & Mike.....We have loved Marlys for so many years! It's so difficult to realize our friendship was fleeting, but we cherish all our memories of her. She & I have shared 50 years of making music together and that has been eternally special!! Thank God for His promises of the hope of eternal life and rest. She deserves it! Peace, love, joy, and hope to all of you. Helen & Don

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**Helen Sweeter** - April 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of Marlys passing. I always loved to hear her play the piano. Such a talented lady.

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**Myrna Janssen Meyers** - April 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Marlys was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed the time when she was a student teacher in Lennox. Marlys treated her students with respect, kindness, and warmth. God bless the Bergjord family.

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**John Mogen** - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SH

“Hearing of Maryls' passing absolutely broke my heart. She was one of the first to welcome me to Tea Trinity and was always so nice. Later she became my pianist at my wedding. She was excited when both of my children were born. She's been a special part of my life for so long. Coffee Hour with the ladies at church is always my favorite hour of the week. I loved hearing her stories and thoughts on life, she always welcomed me to join the ladies. Maryls was like another Grandma to me. On my birthday last year the ladies were making lefse and Marlys said I could join them. It was the best birthday I've had. She took me under her wing and taught me all the steps of lefse making and shared her recipe and tricks she's learned while perfecting the art of lefse. I hope she knows how much she made an impact on me and how much joy she brought me. Praying for all of her family and friends as a new chapter begins without her physical presence.



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**Sarah Hanson** - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DV

“I am so sorry for the passing of Marlys she was a great gal! I will always remember that "mom" who helped and watched over all the hairstylists when she was a receptionist . Kari I am sorry for the passing of mom.... Deepest Sympathies...

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**Denise Varns** - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ I just want to express my deepest sympathy to you all. I thought she was the loveliest lady, beautiful, such a loving personality! She will be missed so much by her family, but all the people who crossed her path. I pray all your memories will help with your healing and you will be able to celebrate the time you shared with her. Love, Nadine Bergjord Nielsen



Nadine L Nielsen - April 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Marlys was such an amazing lady. Enjoyed the time spent in her presence. She will be missed.

Kelly Cole - April 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Marlys will always be remembered for her talent in music and her directing! She will be missed by many! Our sympathy and prayers!



Kathy and Delmer Otten - April 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Our deepest sympathy to Gordon and family. Marlys was a wonderful woman who gave so generously of herself in the service of our Lord. Those of us who attended her Bible Study classes here at Mesa Regal were truly blessed by her leadership. God Bless you and comfort you at this sad time.

Marvin and Agnes Thum - April 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Judy  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. It is so difficult to lose a parent. I know she will be missed by many. Please accept my sympathy*

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**Katie haubrich** - April 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My greatest sympathy on the passing of your mother God Bless to you all*

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**Brian Robert Lind** - April 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Judi -  
My heart is breaking for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers, as is your entire family, during this time. - Jenn*



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**Jennifer Brady** - April 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *We are so saddened by the loss of Marlys please let us know how we can help you and especially Gordon  
We would love to stop by but not sure if youâ€™re ready for a visit  
You can call me at 605351-5868 or Marilee at 605-351-0206  
Love you all  
Jeff and Marilee*

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**Jeff and Marilee Rollinger** - April 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Marlys was themsuic teacher for several of my children.they don't come anybetter. Thanks for her years of service for us.*

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**mary kay smith** - April 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Sending you love during this time . Hugs .*

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**Brad Carnes** - April 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM