

Stella L. Becker

Stella L. Becker, 87, Grand Forks, died early Sunday in Altru Medical Center.



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She was born Sept. 27, 1915, the daughter of Icelandic parents, Arne and Signatur (Ejensen) Thorfinsson. She was one of 10 children, seven sons and three daughters, who grew up in Mountain, N.D.

After graduation from high school, Stella attended nurses' training. On many occasions during her life, she cared for sick friends, neighbors and relatives.

In 1938, she married Marvin A. Becker, also of North Dakota. They moved to Inkster, N.D., where they lived on a farm, ran a general store and raised two daughters, Audrey and Marilyn.

In 1952, the family moved to Grand Forks, where Stella and Marvin lived for the next 25 years. Later they joined their daughters in California, remaining there for nearly a decade. Stella returned to North Dakota in 1978, and spent the final years of her life in Grand Forks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her seven brothers, and one sister. She is survived by her daughter, Audrey Becker of St. Louis, and Marilyn (Lee) Seebach of Lilloret, Colo.; by her grandsons Barrett Myers of St. Louis and Christopher Kennedy and Jeffrey Seebach, both of Los Angeles; and by her sister Norren Tustin of Aberdeen, S.D.

Stella is remembered by friends and family for her gentle nature and generous spirit. Her grandsons treasure the memory of the purple ball of surprises with which she entertained them when they were young, the patience she displayed as they were growing, and the boundless pride she felt in their achievements when they became young men. Her daughters will miss her unconditional love and her smiling blue eyes.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Amundson Funeral Home, 3975 South 42nd Street in Grand Forks, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the same facility. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Greater Grand Forks Senior Citizens Association, 630 4th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201.