



## Muriel Fay Karrow

November 20, 1936 - March 11, 2015

Muriel F. Karrow age 78 of Alexandria died on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Douglas County Hospital. A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 11:30AM at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Visitation will be held on Sunday March 15, 2015 from 4-7PM at the Anderson Funeral Home and also for one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Interment will be the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Garfield, MN

### OBITUARY

Muriel Fay Karrow, the daughter of Leo and Pearl (Hesse) Miller, was born on November 20, 1936 in Sauk Centre, MN. Muriel lived in Sauk Centre with her parents, two brothers and three sisters. While attending high school she met Earl Eblen. They were united in marriage on July 17, 1954. Eight children were blessed to this union Jean, Betty, Karen, Robert, Donald, Katherine, Dean and Fay. Muriel raised her family in Forada before moving to Westport. She cooked, cleaned, baked and helped Earl on the farm with milking chores and keeping the books for Eblen Construction. She tended a large garden of many different vegetables and enjoyed canning.

Muriel's children fondly remember her baked goods and large home cooked meals. Muriel enjoyed cooking for large groups of people. Every holiday her entire family gathered around the table for a meal and good conversation. As

her children were growing up, Muriel worked at numerous restaurants in the surrounding towns. She also worked for a short time at the bakery in Glenwood, the Douglas County Hospital Gift Shop and at WASP.

Earl died in 1981 and several years later Muriel met Harvey Karrow. They were united in marriage on June 11, 1987. Together they spent time dancing and visiting with friends and family. Muriel's grandchildren have fond memories of learning how to polka and waltz with their grandparents. Muriel's joy in her life was her family. She loved making everyone she met feel comfortable, loved and always fed. Her welcoming spirit with a pot of coffee, ready to be poured, will forever be in the memories of the family and friends she loved.

Muriel F. Karrow died on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Douglas County Hospital at the age of 78. She is survived by her daughters Jean (Scott) Kaylor-Jacobs of Nampa, ID, Betty Eblen of Little Falls, Karen (Casey) Wildman of Villard, Katherine (David) Tauber of Villard and Fay (Jeffrey) Koep of Circle Pines; sons Robert Eblen of Atlanta, GA, Donald (Sue) Eblen of Forada and Dean Eblen of Villard; 18 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; step children Rodney (Carol) Karrow and Vicky (Jerry) Roquette and their families; brother Kenneth Miller of Alexandria; sister LaVonne (Jim) Dickinson of Starbuck; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1st husband Earl Eblen, 2nd husband Harvey Karrow, sisters Lois Anderson and Darlene Upton, brothers David Miller and Glen Miller; grandson Eric Bartz and great grandson Bailey Kovarik.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Garfield. Casket Bearers were Casey Wildman, David Tauber Sr., David Tauber Jr., Jeff Koep, Conner Koep, Greg Wildman and Elmo Eblen. Honorary Casket Bearers were all of Muriel's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria, MN.  
[www.andersonfuneral.net](http://www.andersonfuneral.net)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Garfield, MN 56332

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory  
659 Voyager Drive NW  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
(320) 763-5900  
mail@andersonfuneral.net  
<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

## Visitation

MAR 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
300 Lake Street  
Alexandria, MN 56308

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
300 Lake Street  
Alexandria, MN 56308



# Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Muriel Fay Karrow*



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**Anderson Funeral Home** - March 14, 2015 at 08:58 PM

RE

“ My last visit with Muriel was by phone and in prayer. This being said I will share this story.

*Death Explained*

*A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."*

*Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."*

*"You don't know? You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?"*

*The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He has never been in this room before, he didn't know what was inside...he knew nothing except that his master was here. When the door opened, he sprang in without fear."*

*"I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know my MASTER is there and that is enough."*

*We miss our loved ones so much, but their beautiful memories of goodness and kindness serve as a pattern to continue living. In doing so, we honor them.*

*Good bye, Muriel.*

*We love you.*

*Roger&Jane*

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**Roger&Jane Eblen** - March 24, 2015 at 11:18 AM

CS

“ Chris Stark lit a candle in memory of Muriel Fay Karrow



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**Chris Stark** - March 16, 2015 at 09:27 PM

CS

*So sorry to hear of Muriel's passing, May God be with all of you during this most difficult time.*

**Chris Stark** - March 16, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Anderson Funeral Home** - March 14, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Muriel Fay Karrow.*



March 13, 2015 at 04:51 PM

LG

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Muriel. She was an amazing woman and will be greatly missed. I will never forget the visits to the Eblen household with Bob. The first thing Muriel would ask was, "Have you eaten?" followed by "Would you like some coffee?". It didn't matter what time of day you stopped, you would be asked both. Heaven will never be without coffee with Muriel there!*

**Lila Gaffaney** - March 12, 2015 at 12:37 PM

TW

“ *Aunt Muriel made the best brownies and always had the best conversation while we ate those and had coffee. She will be missed. I am truly sorry for your loss, I send prayers and love, Theresa Brackin Walsh*

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**Theresa Brackin Walsh** - March 11, 2015 at 10:04 PM

SS

*Dean, Becky, Jamie and Sami, and Heather--so sorry for your loss. Take care and know God is with you all.*

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**Sheila Schulz** - March 12, 2015 at 12:50 PM

LH

*Muriel always had a smile, even when things were not going well, she was a kind, loving lady!..La Verne & Harvey*

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**La Verne & Harvey Hempeck** - March 18, 2015 at 01:43 PM

MB

*Muriel was a kind and giving woman, always had time to share a cup of coffee. A friend, Muriel Besser*

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**Muriel Besser** - March 20, 2015 at 11:47 PM