

In Loving Memory



Yvonne Faaland
October 15, 1936 - April 19, 2020



Yvonne's Life And Legacy

Yvonne Avis Faaland was born on October 15th, 1936 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of Julian and Alice (Ness) Rodahl. She was baptized in the Christian Faith. She and her sister and 2 brothers were raised on a 500+ acre farm in eastern Minnesota. Yvonne went to elementary school at the Busy Bee School, District 159 Marshall County, and also Holt School in Holt, Minnesota. She was highly active in 4-H and at a fairly young age she cared for and showed beef cattle and won several top prizes at the state and local county fairs. She continued 4-H throughout high school in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Following graduation she attended Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota where she met Thomas Faaland, a city guy from Brooklyn, New York. They married on July 8th, 1956. Shortly after the ceremony they traveled to new cities, then after a short time returned to Concordia where Yvonne finished her major in elementary education and minor in music and graduated in 1962.

Together Yvonne and Tom adopted and raised two children. For several years she taught and substituted in Oregon and Iowa schools. In 1973 Yvonne opened a home pre-school at the request of parents. Then from 1977 to 1984 the family owned and managed a retail business called Barbarios Cheese shop. In Grand Forks, ND. In 1985 Tom was called to serve a church, and the family moved to Hampden, ND. Yvonne was soon offered to join the teaching staff in nearby Starkweather, full-time, in 1989. Yvonne retired from a long career in 2014, after 25+ years of teaching and loving her peers and students. She moved to California in 2015. She made her new homes in Porter Ranch and Calabasas.

Yvonne is survived by her two children: son Paul of Woodland Hills, California and her daughter and her husband, Sarah and Navy Commander Marvin E. Richards III of Moreland Hills, Ohio; three grandchildren, Olivia Yvonne Richards and Marvin E. Richards III of Moreland Hills, Ohio and Vanessa N. Richards of Los Angeles, California; one sister Elaine Rodahl of Grand Forks, North Dakota; two brothers and their wives, David and Barbara Rodahl and Darrold and Kitty Rodahl, both of Thief River Falls, Minnesota; one niece, two great-nieces, and three nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Julian Rodahl in 1994, husband Reverend Thomas Faaland in 1999, and her mother Alice (Ness) Rodahl in 2004.

Yvonne Faaland died on Sunday, April 19th, 2020 at Belmont Assisted Living in Calabasas California at the age of 83 years, 6 Months, and 4 days. She would have celebrated her 84th birthday this past Thursday. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Cando Food Pantry's back-pack meal program memorial in her name. She is loved and missed. Her memory is richly blessed.



Celebration of Life for
Yvonne Faaland

Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 5pm EST

Welcome.....Moderator
Piano Solo “Freely, Freely”.....Dr. Sharon Brown-Cheston
Celebration Message.....Reverend Natalie Richmond
Life and Legacy.....Reverend George Poole
Piano Solo “The Lord’s Prayer”.....Dr. Sharon Brown-Cheston
Tribute.....Colleague Julie Wass
Piano Solo “O Rest In The Lord”.....Dr. Sharon Brown-Cheston
Open Mic.....Moderator
Poem.....Vanessa Richards
Piano Solo “How Great Thou Art”.....Dr. Sharon Brown-Cheston
Acknowledgements and Condolences.....Olivia Richards
Celebration Message.....Reverend George Poole
Slide Show.....Media