

I Made It Home

I just wanted to let you know that
I made it home.

Everything is so pretty here, so
white, so fresh, so new. I wish you
could close your eyes so you could
see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try
to understand. God is taking care of
me... I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, and no
sorrow, and no pain. Here there is
no crying, and I'll never hurt
again.

Here it is so peaceful, when
all the angels sing. I really
have to go for now... I've just
got to try my wings.

P.S... I'll be the first face you
see when you get here.

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Mavis J. Brenden, age 98, of Watertown, passed away on December 19, 2022. Mavis was born September 30, 1924 to George and Nora (Knadle) Cluts at Vienna, SD.

Mavis found a love for dance at a young age, learning by standing on her dad's feet. She continued her passion by going to area dances for many years.

Mavis attended Kindig Country School and graduated from Vienna High School in 1942. She began her banking career right out of school, when she started at the bank in Vienna.

Mavis married O'Dean in Vienna on November 29, 1944. She received her proposal, sent her acceptance, and then got her engagement ring all thru the mail, as O'Dean was working in California.

The couple lived in various towns in South Dakota and settled in Egan for 17 years to raise their family. She worked in the office at the Egan school.

In 1969, they purchased the elevator in Henry. Mavis began working in the business office at the Clark High School. At night, she would do the books for the elevator.

Then Mavis received a call asking if she would like to work for Citizen State Bank (now Dacotah Bank) in Clark. She relocated to the Henry branch. She worked there until her retirement.

Mavis will always be remembered as a wonderful mom, grandmother, and friend. She loved to crochet and made afghans for her family. She had a quick wit and she always had a comeback for you.

Mavis and O'Dean had a cabin at Lake Poinsett for many years. You could always count on a meal and her chocolate cake. Her grandkids are still trying to locate the cake recipe. We all have wonderful memories of time spent there.

Mavis is survived by her daughters, JoDean (Lee) Tice, Moorpark, CA, and Dawn (Al) Koch, Watertown, SD; daughter in-law; Kathy Brenden, Green Valley, AZ; ten grandchildren, Matthew (Erika) Tice, Sarah (Kris) Michael, Becky Redderson, Rachael Tice, Angie (Tony) Ringheimer, Jim (Erin) Brenden, Chelsey (John) Wiik, Leslie (Tim Grygiel) Brenden, Jared (Julie) Brenden, and Bryan Koch; fifteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandson, sister in-law; Shirley Brenden, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband O'Dean in 2001, sons; Danny (2020) and Tom (2010), daughter in-law; Myrna (2019), her brother; Gordon, and Gordon's wife, Myra Cluts.



*Please join the family after the service for lunch
and a time of fellowship in the church basement.*

*The family of Mavis Brenden thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*



Celebrating the Life of Mavis Brenden



Services from

Vienna Lutheran Church
Vienna, South Dakota
Saturday, January 7, 2023
10:30 AM

Celebrant

Pastor Colin Beveridge

Music

Dorothy Fuller, Pianist
"Amazing Grace" - Processional
Pam Rorvik-Albers, Soloist
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"In the Garden"
"Silver Bells" - Recessional

Honorary Casketbearers

Angie Ringheimer Sarah Micheal Chelsey Wiik
Becky Redderson Leslie Brenden Rachael Tice

Casketbearers

Matthew Tice Jim Brenden Jared Brenden
Bryan Koch Tony Ringheimer John Wiik

Interment at a Later Date

Vienna Lutheran Cemetery
Vienna, South Dakota

