



## Olga

*When you're away for more than a day,  
I get so lonely. I wonder if you'll come back to  
stay with me again. I get so blue, but know that  
you're true, no need to worry. I know you're  
coming back, and there's an easing of the pain.*

### Chorus:

*My Feelings really can't be carried in a basket;  
they deep bursting out like bubbles in the  
foam; My spirits roar, then I LOVE YOU more;  
it seems amazing. There's no desire left within my  
heart to ever roam. If you are here, I want to be  
near, full of contentment. There is really nowhere  
else I'd rather be. There's no desire for more to  
transpire; My heart is satisfied knowing I'm right  
here with you, and you with me.*

- Love Walt



## In Loving Memory Of Olga Houet

Born to Thorvald and Emma (Berg) Marsten  
October 14, 1919 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Peacefully Passed Away  
February 7, 2025 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

### Funeral Services

Monday, February 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM  
First Lutheran Church ~ Watford City, North Dakota  
*Luncheon to Follow*

### Officiating

Minister Matthew Rolfson

### Casketbearers

Olga's Beloved Grandchildren

### Ushers

Kelly Olson Alfred Berg

### Music Selections

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Shall We Gather at the River"

"Amazing Grace"

Pam Haugan ~ Vocalist

Carolyn Schwartz ~ Accompanist

Nicolas Sanford ~ Solo Pianist

### Final Resting Place

Spring Creek Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

### Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Watford City, North Dakota

*She always leaned to watch for us. Anxious if we  
were late, in winter by the window sill, in summer by  
the gate. And though we mocked her tenderly, who  
had such foolish care, the long way home would  
seem more safe, because she waited there. Her  
thoughts were all so full of us; she never could  
forget. And so I think that where she is, she must 'be  
waiting yet, waiting till we come home to her,  
anxious if we are late, watching from heaven's  
window sill, leaning on heaven's gate.*



## In Loving Memory Of Olga Houet

October 14, 1919 - February 7, 2025



Olga M. Hovet was born October 14, 1919, to Thorvald and Emma (Berg) Marsten of rural Watford City. Olga and her twin sister were born at home with her twin passing soon after birth. Olga is the third child of six, having four sisters and one brother. Olga was proud of her Norwegian heritage as a 2nd generation American, growing up speaking Norwegian and teaching Norwegian to those who expressed interest later in life. Olga was even blessed to have the experience of visiting Norway twice in her lifetime.

Olga attended grade school at the rural Wonderland School, high school at the rural Shaw School, and Watford City High School graduating in 1936. In 1939 she received her standard degree in teaching from Minot State and went on to teach rural schools in McKenzie County until her marriage to Walter Hovet on September 21, 1941.

Olga and Walt knew each other as children; both growing up in the farming and Spring Creek Community. They made their home on the Hovet homestead south of Watford City, except for four years at their Charlson farm in the late 40's. They would live on the farm until 1979 when they moved into Watford City. Ten children were born to them, including 2 sets of twins. There are numerous stories involving the little boys and all of their shenanigans.

Olga resumed her teaching career around 1955, serving in rural McKenzie County Schools, Mandaree, Grassy Butte, and Alexander. During this busy time, she attended summer school and continuing education classes until she earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Minot State in 1974. She taught various grades and

in later years she taught Title One Special Education and worked as a librarian in Alexander until her retirement in 1984.

A lifetime of teaching in rural McKenzie County left her with entertaining stories of early mornings, bad weather, passengers of all shapes and sizes, and rumors of high speeds to get to school on time. Of course, in Norwegian seriousness, the stories may have been exaggerated by both children and grandchildren. For the record. Olga Hovet was an excellent driver.

Olga gave her heart and time to Spring Creek Lutheran Church in which her parents were charter members. She was baptized on December 20, 1919, and confirmed on October 8, 1933. She was active and involved in the organizations of the Spring Creek Ladies Aide, Sons of Norway Lodge, Good Shepherd Home Auxiliary, Young at Heart Club, Senior Citizens Choir, and McKenzie County Historical Society.

In 2006, Olga sold the Watford City home and moved into an apartment that was doors down from her younger sister Agnes. In 2009 she moved into the Horizon Assisted Living and transitioned into the GSH in 2018.

Olga said it best as she reflected on her life in a 2000 Christmas letter, "I've had mostly a happy life and am thankful for countless blessings. I had good encouraging parents who gave me the opportunity to go to college and become a teacher; a wonderful husband; and ten children I wouldn't give up for a million trillion dollars (although at times I was tempted to give them away). 30 wonderful grandchildren and now five great-grandchildren; many dear relatives and friends. Most of all, I'm thankful for a loving, forgiving, ever-present Savior in Jesus Christ. May He grant you a blessed Christmas and a Happy Year."

Olga was truly one of the greatest from the greatest generation. Born at the end of World War I during the Spanish Flu pandemic, growing up during the Depression, raising her own family during World War II, and serving a community as her family grew. In her stories of growing up, she was outside herding cattle,

not in the kitchen. She was quiet but bright with sense of humor. An avid reader into her late 90's. An early adaptor of exercise and nutrition she walked as much as she could. She was known for her light meal of an open-faced butter and cheese sandwich with one cookie a day. She was very social and loved to gather to sing, dance, play games, bingo, and cards with her friends, family, and grandchildren. She cheerfully occupied a stool with her coffee friends at Larsen's Drug for 25 years. She left us with many words of wisdom – do you really need another piece of pie (?), canned foods saved lives, Nursing homes allow independence, read books, walk and be good to yourself and others.

Olga passed away peacefully on Friday, February 07, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, North Dakota.

Olga is survived by her children, Sonja (Einar) Prestangen of Watford City ND; Beverly (Duane) Ashley of Williston ND; Cynthia Rust of Williston ND; Myron (Marcia) Hovet of Watford City ND; Randolph (Vickie) Hovet of Charlo Montana; Rebecca (Andrew) Neuman of Drumheller Alberta; Steven (Paula) Hovet of Greenville SC; Timothy Hovet of Bismarck ND; daughters-in-law, Rita Hovet of Watford City ND; Linda Hovet of Colorado Springs CO; sister, Agnes Winden of Bismarck ND; 30 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and families.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Ragna, Edna, Ruby, and Thorleif; beloved husband, Walter; sons, Kurt Hovet and Michael Hovet; grandson, Cory Prestangen.

Olga expressed her love for her caretakers and friends. The family couldn't be more grateful for those at the GSH that loved and cared for her greatly.

