



Delene Monette Foresman

February 25, 1923 - August 26, 2019

Delene Monette Foresman, 96, passed away August 26, 2019 in Mesa, Arizona. Delene was born February 25, 1923 in Fairmont, Minnesota to Neva and Carl Rowley. Delene is survived by daughters Susan Brenden and her husband James (Mesa, AZ); Catherine Miller (Tempe, AZ); grandson Matthew Miller, his wife Nicole and great-grandson Nick (Chandler, AZ); granddaughter Miriam Miller (Mesa, AZ); niece Leslie Hatfield and her husband Alan Stephens, and grand-nephews Alec and Ross (Phoenix, AZ) as well as cousins, nephews, nieces, grand-neices and nephews and friends. Delene was predeceased by her husband Emmett, her sister Audrey Hatfield and her husband Larry, her granddaughter Erika Brenden, son-in-law Mark Miller and her beloved sheltie Sam. Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Meldrum Mortuary 52 N. Macdonald, Mesa, AZ. The family requests (in lieu of flowers) donations be made in Delene's name to your favorite charity.

Delene was born in Fairmont, Minnesota. When she was three, her folks moved to Douglas, Arizona, where she grew up and graduated from Douglas High School in 1940. During high school she was active in music and church. After graduation, she enrolled in the nursing program at Drake University in Iowa. One weekend, while visiting her uncle John Rowley in Guthrie Center, she met Emmett Foresman. They were married Nov. 23, 1941 in Douglas, just two weeks before Pearl Harbor.

They then headed north where they homesteaded in Centralia, Washington. In 1944, when Emmett enlisted in the Army, Delene went back to Douglas and worked in the assay office of the Phelps Dodge copper smelter. Upon Emmett's discharge in 1946, they returned to Centralia where they remained until 1948, when daughter Susan was born, after which they moved back to Arizona settling on a small farm in Double Adobe just outside Douglas. In 1950, second daughter, Catherine was born. They grew a variety of crops and livestock to sustain their family. Delene worked side by side with Emmett, planting, bailing hay, milking cows and goats and dressing out chickens, as well as churning butter and canning vegetables. Being an excellent seamstress, she made most of the girls' clothes as well as clothes for their dolls. Once the girls were in school, Delene

served as clerk of the Double Adobe School Board and worked on the local elections board. She was active in Foothills Christian Church and Border Chapter Order of Eastern Star (past Worthy Matron). Once the girls were in college, she worked for a doctor, a dentist and Cochise Community College. In 1980, when Emmett retired they moved to Sedona, Arizona where they became active members of Wayside Chapel. Delene continued to sew and do needlework.

In 2006, they moved to Fellowship Square in Mesa, in 2011 they moved to the Oasis. After Emmett died in 2012, Delene remained at the Oasis until 2018, when she moved to Citrus Manor Assisted Living, Mesa, where she remained until her death. She will be interred with Emmett at the National Cemetery, Phoenix.

Delene was a devout Christian. Her favorite saying was "it's in the Lord's hands." She was the consummate helpmate to Emmett and a loving wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She loved all animals, especially collies and hummingbirds. She was especially proud of the fact that she didn't have a single gray hair! She was humble, gentle, generous, talented and spiritual. She will be greatly missed.

Cemetery

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona
23029 N Cave Creek Rd
Phoenix, AZ, 85024

Events

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Memorial Service 01:00PM

Meldrum Mortuary
52 N Macdonald, Mesa, AZ, US, 85201

Comments



“ My condolences and prayers to the family. Emmett Foresman offered me a job with ADOT, where he was the Supervisor. I met Delene shortly after I was hired. Our friendship began. As they lived next door to the office, sometimes I would go over during morning break and make dough for tortillas and let it rest. We would then roll them out and cook them during my lunch hour. I have memories of different things we would do during my lunch hour. After they moved to Sedona, every year I would make an annual trip to visit them. We would make tamales and tortillas during those visits. They always made sure to take me to my favorite restaurant, The Coffee Pot. I thank God that Emmett hired me as I met a wonderful loving and understanding couple.

Love them both.

Maria

Maria Melendez - September 14, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Susy and family. I feel grateful to have once met Delene. She was welcoming and kind - what one might expect from the mother of Susy. May your family move through this difficult time with a sense of peace and appreciation for the infinite love which remains.

Kelly Harris - August 31, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ My love and my prayers are with you, Susan, and with your family. Your mother lived a long and fulfilling life and is at rest. The memories of her life will be your solace now. Keep strong

Sue Nicolls - August 30, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Your mother lived life well and her family members are a tribute to her loving devotion to all of you. My heart is with you, Susan Brendan.

Faith Risolo - August 30, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of Delene Monette Foresman



Meldrum Mortuary - August 27, 2019 at 01:17 PM