Marjarette Francis was born February 4, 1947 to Leonard and Rita Nelson in Valentine NE. Marjarette attended grade school at District 45 south of Crookston out on the German Settlement. She went to high school her freshman and sophomore year at Kilgore High School. She transferred to Valentine High for her junior and senior year of high school and graduated in 1965.

Marjarette, or Marge to her friends and family, worked at the First National Bank in Valentine the 1<sup>st</sup> couple years out of high school before meeting Jack Eitzen Jr. They married on February 3, 1967. Marge used to say that the day she met him, she knew she was going to marry him. Marge and Jack celebrated 51 years of marriage.

In December 1969, they were blessed with Shelia, while living in Valentine.

In 1970, they moved to Kilgore out to the ABC Ranch. Jack cowboyed and Marge helped cook. That's where Marge learned to make the most amazing pies, any kind you like.

In 1972, they moved to Ainsworth. While living there, they were blessed with Russell in October of 1972.

Then they moved back to Valentine for about a year. They decided they wanted to move away from the sandhills. So they took a drive and discovered Morrill. In 1974, they moved to Morrill, Nebraska. Marge started work as a teller at the First National Bank there. She worked her way up the corporate ladder to data processing. Marge was sort of a pioneer in electronic data processing in banks.

In 1979, Marge and Jack bought a fixer upper out in the country. The house came with a couple of acres, so they bought some pigs and chickens. Then they added to the herd with bucket calves, cats, and dogs. Then came a horse and some sheep. Those were Shelia's and Russell's. Marge loved the baby pigs and the bucket calves.

Marge worked at the bank until 1988. By then, Jack had ventured out in to owning his own electric business and the phone was ringing off the hook. So Marge became the secretary and bookkeeper.

In 1992, Jack and Marge decided to semi retire and moved back to the sandhills to take care of their parents. Marge took care of her dad for over 10 years.

She didn't like retirement too much, so she worked a few jobs including Super Pumper as assistant manager, Scotty's Ranchland as checker, Colburn Tire as bookkeeper, and Foster & Co as office help. After falling and breaking her arm while helping Jack with his tack shop, she completely retired.

Marge loved to cook and there was always enough for an unexpected guest. It was never unusual for there to be extras at the lunch table or supper table. She liked helping others and did not expect anything for her help, not even a thank you. She liked to read.

Marge is survived by her husband Jack Eitzen Jr; daughter Shelia Osterman; son Russell Eitzen; 4 grandchildren: Meagan, Tylar, Victoria, and Cade; brothers: Curtis Dale and Kenneth Dean; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marge was preceded in death by her parents.



In Loving Memory Of

Marge
1947 ~ 2018

## In Celebration Of The Life Of

## Marjarette Francis Eitzen

Grief never ends...
but it changes.
It's a passage
not a place to stay.
Grief is not
A sign of weakness
nor a lack of Faith...
It is the Price of Love.

Memorial Service of Remembrance

Friday ~ October 26, 2018 @ 2:00pm Berean Bible Church in Valentine, NE

Officiant

Pastor Scott McClellan

Special Music

'It Is No Secret' – by Jim Reeves

Inurnment

At A Later Date

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