

Ruby M. Melgard, age 96 of Perham, Minnesota, went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 12, 2025, at the Hadley House in Perham.

Ruby Margaret Melgard was born April 29, 1928, in Grace City, North Dakota, the daughter of Reuben and Lily (Hart) Topp. She was raised on a family farm near Grace City and was educated in rural county schools. She graduated from New Rockford High School and attended and graduated from the New York Hair Dressing Academy in Fargo, North Dakota.

She married Fredrick A. Melgard on September 7, 1947, at Grace City, North Dakota. They moved to Jamestown, North Dakota, where they lived while Fred finished college, graduating from Jamestown College. They later moved briefly to Tower City before moving to Hazen, North Dakota, where they lived for seven years. There, she worked as a hairdresser and cared for her young family. In 1959, they moved to Perham, Minnesota, where they lived until 1980, when they moved to Brainerd, Minnesota. There, they owned and operated the Pic-More strawberry farm for many years. Following Fred's death, Ruby moved back to Perham, Minnesota, in 2013 where she made her home.

Survivors include four daughters and two sons: Renee (James) Pekarek of Groveland, Florida, Steve (Kay) Melgard of Perham, Minnesota, Julie (Dennis) Hartzell of Clermont, Florida, Sheri (Scott) Dahlstrom of Scottsdale, Arizona, Susan Cook of Gurnee, Illinois, and Craig (Wanda) Melgard of Freeport, Minnesota. She also has 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Fred, who died on March 18, 2005; her parents; three sisters; and one brother.



Remembering

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Ruby Margaret Melgard

April 29, 1928 - February 12, 2025



Don't think of her as gone away -
her **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And she was loved so much.
- Ellen Brenneman

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Scott Dahlstrom

Musical Selections

“When We All Get To Heaven” - Casting Crowns
“How Great Thou Art” - Elvis Presley
“Amazing Grace” - Jordan Smith
“It is Well with My Soul” - BYU Vocal Point

Casket Bearers

Matthew Dahlstrom - Brent Hartzell
Caleb Melgard - Casey Melgard - Kelly Melgard

Interment

(at a later date)
Grace City Cemetery
Grace City, North Dakota