Darlene Elizabeth Maves, 93, of Frazee, MN, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Frazee Care Center, with her family by her side.

Darlene Elizabeth Wirth was born June 29, 1933, in Forman, ND. She moved to Frazee at a young age and lived there all her life. She attended county school and graduated from Frazee High School in 1951.

Darlene met Clarence Maves at a dance hall near Toad Lake. They were married on April 21, 1954, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Frazee, and shared 53 years of marriage until Clarence's passing in March 2007. They farmed together north of Frazee and raised their two sons and daughter.

Darlene enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and baking for her family.

Darlene continued to live on the farm with her son John until April 2026, when she entered Frazee Care Center. There she enjoyed visiting with staff, residents, family, and friends, as well as reading the newspaper, listening to music, playing bingo, and attending weekly church services in the chapel.

Darlene is survived by her sons, John and Kenneth (Darla) Maves; her daughter, Nancy (Mike) Sayer of Frazee; three grandsons, Ben (Carrie) Sayer, Jake Sayer, and Travis Branden; three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Nonie (Dale) Cunningham of Brighton, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elva and Carl Wirth; her husband, Clarence Maves; and her brother, Steve Wirth.

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Darlene Elizabeth Maves

June 29, 1933 - September 19, 2026





The Day God Called You Home

God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

Time of Gathering
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Frazee, Minnesota

Funeral Service
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Frazee, Minnesota

Officiant
Pastor Ryan Pumphrey

Musicians
Heidi Brune
Pat Hausmann

Musical Selections
"Amazing Grace"
"Nearer My God to Thee"
"The Lord's Prayer"
"How Great Thou Art"

Casket Bearers
Barry Bigger - Travis Branden - Greg Greiser
Joel Hauder - Cal Mayfield - Charlie Maves

Interment
Chilton Cemetery
Frazee, Minnesota

