

Karen Ann (Mikkelson) Ferris was born on October 22, 1952, in Alexandria, Minnesota to Clinton and Victoria (Jensen) Mikkelson. She was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in rural Osakis. Karen graduated from Osakis High School in 1970.

Karen was united in marriage to Mark Ferris on March 27, 1971, at Salem Lutheran Church in Osakis. The couple was blessed with two children, Kary and Kenneth. The family lived on Mark's parents' farm in rural Osakis until 1985, when they moved into Osakis. Karen worked as a PARA at Osakis School for many years. Her and Mark also managed the Osakis VFW for nine years, retiring in 2020.

Karen enjoyed flower gardening with her favorite flowers being fern peonies, geraniums, and yellow roses. Karen and Mark enjoyed bowling mixed doubles, sitting on the deck watching all the wildlife and going to the grandchildren's activities. She also enjoyed visiting with friends and having coffee parties.

Karen died Friday, May 13, 2022, at her home at the age of 69. She is survived by her husband, Mark; children, Kary (Don) Jennissen of Sauk Centre, and Ken (Michelle) Ferris of Osakis; grandchildren, Jacob and Victoria Jennissen, and Ella and Colten Ferris; sisters, Minnie (Jim) Jezierski of St. Louis Park, and Dorothy (Ronald) Paulson of Sauk Rapids; brothers, Gary Mikkelson of Osakis, and Clinton (Sherrie) Mikkelson Jr. of Hastings; sister-in-law, Marcia (Dan Hegstad) Ferris of Brainerd; and many nieces and nephews. Karen is preceded in death by her parents, Clinton and Victoria; brother, Richard Mikkelson; and sister, Carolyn Holty.

In Loving Memory



(Drawing by granddaughter, Ella)

Karen A. Ferris
1952 ~ 2022

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the 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.*

In Memory of

Karen A. Ferris

October 22, 1952



May 13, 2022

Memorial Service
Salem Lutheran Church
Osakis, Minnesota
Thurs, May 19, 2022
10:30 AM



Officiant

Reverend Lindell Quam

Organist

Ione Johnson

Soloist

Dana Hetland

Honorary Urn Bearers

(Karen's Grandchildren)

Jacob Jennissen

Ella Ferris

Victoria Jennissen

Colten Ferris

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