



My mother is a *treasure*
that I carry in my heart,
Her memory is safely kept within.
All the love she spent on me
is held in sweet reserve;
Every kiss & every touch
and every precious grin.
I'll miss the many things she was,
the special things she did.
Each one will be remembered gratefully.
Though I will miss her through the years,
I'm comforted to know.
She's with her **LORD.**
We'll meet again and share *eternity.*



To view Evelyn's Life Tribute video,
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In Loving Memory of
Evelyn Harmsen

April 13, 1927 - March 23, 2023



Evelyn Katherine Harmsen was born on April 13, 1927 outside of Wilmont, Minnesota. She was the first born to Joseph and Josephine (Wiltgen) Voss. Later they moved north of Adrian, Minnesota until 1943 when they moved to a farm northeast of Woodstock, Minnesota when Evelyn was 16 years old. On May 9, 1944 she was united in marriage to William Krell, Jr. at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Woodstock.

Evelyn and Bill ran the Woodstock Café for a time after moving into town. Due to Bill's health issues Evelyn began waitressing at Sid and Min's Café in Pipestone, Minnesota. Bill passed away on May 25, 1957 due to brain cancer. After Bill's death Evelyn began working at the Flame Room bar also in Pipestone.

On September 2, 1958 Evelyn was united in marriage to Russ Harmsen. They moved to Ihlen, Minnesota. Two months later Russ and Evelyn bought into the Glass House Steak House with Dale and LeeAnn Hess in March 1959. Russ and Evelyn had three children together. They owned and operated the business for 25 years until 1984. Evelyn began working at the Country Club in Pipestone along with volunteering her services for seniors. She was active at the Senior Center at Ihlen, volunteering and playing cards with friends. Evelyn celebrated her 80th birthday at the Country Club after which she retired. That summer she and Russ moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota.

They enjoyed spending time at their lake home at Pickerel Lake, Minnesota for 60 years along with some traveling in their early years with friends and daughter Joyce and husband Carl in their later years. Evelyn enjoyed being with people and made many friends in her years of working. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. In August of 2018 they moved to Luverne, Minnesota when Russ was admitted to the Minnesota Veterans Home and Evelyn lived with her daughter Deanna. Evelyn visited Russ daily at the Vet's home until his death on October 26, 2018. She moved to Poplar Creek in Luverne a month later. In May of 2020 she moved across the street to the Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home. On Thursday, March 23, 2023, Evelyn passed away peacefully at the home at the age of 95 years, 11 months, and 10 days.

Evelyn is survived by her six children, Bev York of Columbia Falls, Montana, Joyce (Carl) Pierret of Blaine, Minnesota, Vicki (Brad) Quist of Pickerel Lake, Deanna (Dee) Scott of Luverne, Mike (Karen) Harmsen of Clearwater, Minnesota, and Kim Harmsen; daughter-in-law Dolly Krell of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Lois Voss of Maple Grove, Minnesota, and Jean Voss of Canby, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Russ of 60 years; three children, Randy Krell, Gene Krell, and Terry Harmsen; sister, Dorothy Jackson; and brothers, Virgil Voss and Marvin (Bob) Voss.

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Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - 11:00 AM

St. Catherine Catholic Church - Luverne, Minnesota

Celebrants

Monsignor Gerald Kosse Deacon Kevin Aaker

Altar Servers - Ella Facile, Madden VonTersch

Lectors - Bev York, Joyce Pierret, Dee Scott

Presentation of the Gifts - Family Members

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Matthew 11:25-30

Music

Organist - Susan Skattum

Cantor - Susan Schneekloth

Congregational Hymns

"Be Not Afraid"

"Hail Mary, Gentle Women"

"The Body of Christ"

"How Great Thou Art"

Urn Bearer

Mike Harmsen

Honorary Urn Bearers

Evelyn's beloved children and grandchildren

Inurnment

Private Family Burial

Ihlen Cemetery

Ihlen, Minnesota

Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a time of food, fellowship and sharing in the church fellowship hall.

Arrangements By

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