

Legacy OF Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You TAUGHT US LOVE and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were ALWAYS KIND.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll
Eternally Keep.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF *Janet Mesenbrink*

OCTOBER 6, 1950 – JANUARY 5, 2024

Services At:

Trinity Lutheran Church - Fairfield Township
rural Holloway, Minnesota
Saturday - January 13, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Donald Klatt

Musician:

Patty Mcgeary

Special Music:

Amazing Grace
as recorded by Elvis Presley

Pallbearers:

Joshua Sherod, Jed Sherod
Logan Merdan, McKenzie Merdan
Gavin Mesenbrink, Teyton Mesenbrink

Honorary Pallbearers:

Jacob Mesenbrink, Ryker Mesenbrink
Jase Mesenbrink, Evelyn Mesenbrink

Janet Lynn Olen was born on October 6, 1950 in Morris, Minnesota, to Herbert and Darlene (Elgin) Olen. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Morris. Janet received her education and graduated with the Morris High School, class of 1968. Following high school, Janet continued her education at Alexandria Technical College, earning a secretarial degree. On June 14, 1969, Janet was united in marriage to John Mesenbrink at the Zion Lutheran Church in Morris. The couple moved to Las Vegas, where John was stationed in the Air Force, and Janet worked at a bank. While in Nevada, their first daughter, Stephanie, was born. In the Fall of 1972, they made the move to Fairfield Township in Swift County, Minnesota, where they began farming and added to their family, two daughters: Heather and Nicole, and a son, Matthew. Janet spent her days raising her children, helping on the farm, making and delivering many, many meals to the fields, and raising chickens. Once the kids were all in school, at the age of 40, Janet returned to school at Granite Falls College earning her Office Manager degree. In 1991, she started her vocation at the Stevens County Human Services until her retirement in 2013.

Janet was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church – Fairfield Township, the American Legion and VFW, as well as being heavily involved with the Salvation Army, volunteering in many areas – including Toys for Tots, filling backpacks for school children, and ‘adopting a family’ during the holiday season. Janet loved to be outside, sitting in the sun, mowing the lawn and gardening – both vegetables (which she would also can!) flowers, and growing sweet corn – freezing it every year. She was a fantastic cook and baker – especially her chocolate chip cookies, potato salad, and her pancakes with the crispy edges. Janet would spend countless time reading cookbooks and watching cooking shows and then would spend hours trying out the new recipes – probably all while listening to Elvis – her favorite artist! Most importantly, Janet cherished her family and the time she was able to spend with them.

Janet died on Friday, January 5, 2024, at the Appleton Area Hospital in Appleton, Minnesota, she was 73 years old.

Janet is survived by her husband, John Mesenbrink of Holloway; daughters: Stephanie (Jayson) Sherod of Benson, Heather (Jon) Panitzke of Waynesville, NC, and Nicole Merdan of St. Joseph; son, Matthew (Kristi) Mesenbrink of Watkins; eight grandchildren: Jacob Mesenbrink, Joshua Sherod, Jed Sherod, Logan Merdan, McKenzie Merdan, Gavin Mesenbrink, Teyton Mesenbrink, and Ryker Mesenbrink; two great-grandchildren: Jase and Evelyn Mesenbrink; sister, Jean (Lee) Bergen of Waukee, IA; brother, Jon (Michelle) Olen of North Branch; brother-in-law, David (Lynn) Mesenbrink of WY; sister-in-law, Patty Mesenbrink of Brooklyn Center; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Bill Mesenbrink; and sister-in-law, Beverly Barta.



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Memory



Janet Mesenbrink