

Jenice Kathryn Molitor, the daughter of Thomas and Olive (Olsen) Engesser, was born on October 9, 1936, in Balaton, MN. Jenice lived on a farm near Balaton. She attended country school near Balaton and graduated from Russell High School in the class of 1954. Jenice helped her sister and brother-in-law by babysitting their children for a few years. She met the love of her life, Gordie Molitor at a pool hall in Green Valley, MN. Together they were united in marriage on May 25, 1957, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tracy, MN. Five children were born to this union Todd, Tim, Toby, Tammy, and Troy.

Jenice worked for the 4-H office for a few years and also helped her aunt and uncle in Minneapolis. In 1959, they moved to Marshall to begin Gordie's career at Schwans Foods Company. During Gordie's employment for Schwans, Jenice and her family lived several places including Holstein, IA, Altoona, WI, Eau Claire, WI, and Marshall. Jenice decided to stay at home to care for their children. She made every attempt to attend school functions and sporting events, always being their biggest fan.

In 1973, Jenice and Gordie built a small cabin on Lake Miltona and later built their retirement home just down the road. Many weekends and summertime fun were spent enjoying lake life with family and friends. They also enjoyed spending winter getaways at their home in Scottsdale, AZ.

Some of Jenice's hobbies included: golfing, playing bridge and cards, cooking, traveling, and reading. Spending time with her family was the most important part of Jenice's life. She loved watching her kids and grandchildren with school-related activities and their time at her lake home.

Jenice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gordie Molitor; brothers, Rodney Engesser, Milo Engesser, Franklin Engesser, Thorval Engesser, and Merlin Engesser; sisters, Pat DeVoss, Audrey DeVoss, Jacquelyn Marquardt, and Mary Dirck.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy (Molitor) Ziegenhagen and her husband Bill of Fargo, ND; sons Todd Molitor and his wife Janet of Kimberly, ID, Tim Molitor of Blaine, MN, Toby Molitor and his wife Tina of Glenwood, MN, and Troy Molitor and his wife Kimberly of Sartell, MN; Grandchildren Libby (Cody) Griffith of Kimberly, ID, Devon (Ramey) Molitor of Jerome, ID, Blake Molitor of Scottsdale, AZ, Shea Molitor of Chicago, IL, Nicholas (Samantha) Molitor of Glenwood, MN, Kristi (Kirk) Arendes of Moorhead, MN, Kara Ziegenhagen of Fargo, ND, Madison Molitor of Sartell, MN, Rylee Molitor of Sartell, MN and Bodyn Molitor of Sartell, MN; great-grandchildren Harlow and Miles Griffith of Kimberly, ID, Macie and McCoy Molitor of Jerome, ID, Savannah Arendes of Moorhead, MN and Faith and Alex Ziegenhagen of Fargo, ND.



A Celebration of Life

Jenice K. Molitor

1936-2020



Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

Celebrating the Life of

Jenice Kathryn Molitor

October 9, 1936 † September 25, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Marshall, Minnesota

Saturday, October 3, 2020 11:00 AM

Officiant - Father Tony Stubeda

Eulogy - Toby Molitor

Soloist - Kristi Arendes

Petitions - Madison Molitor

Readers - Kara Ziegenhagen & Libby Griffith

Honorary Casket Bearers

Pat Haverman

Bill Farago

Penny Wagner

Carol Meyer

Cleone Sherman

Elizabeth Aschberner

Casket Bearers

Nick Molitor

Rylee Molitor

Devon Molitor

Blake Molitor

Shea Molitor

Bodyn Molitor

Honorary Gift Bearers

Harlow Griffith

Miles Griffith

Savannah Arendes

Faith Ziegenhagen

Alex Ziegenhagen

Macie Molitor

McCoy Molitor

Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Marshall, Minnesota



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