



The Day God Called You Home

*We little knew that morning
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us with beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same, but
As God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joyce Maxine Ninneman

WHO WAS BORN
March 23, 1929
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
October 18, 2022
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Monday, October 24, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANTS
Reverend Barbara McKewin
Reverend Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS
Julie French, Accompanist & Vocalist
Lee Kanten, Guitarist

CASKET BEARERS
Jason Ninneman | Brian Ninneman | Jessica Bradley
Alicia Jacobs | Ben Bradford | Travis Ninneman

HONORARY BEARERS
Tanya Ninneman | Jeremiah Ninneman | Chris Ninneman
Andrea Pickering | Sondra Rosendahl | Nathan Bradford
Amy Meyer | Candice Roesner | Breeahna Ninneman

INTERMENT
Yellow Bank Cemetery
Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Joyce's family thanks you for your presence
at this service and for your many acts and words of kindness.
Following the service, please join the family for a time of
food and fellowship in the Church Fellowship Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home
Ortonville, Minnesota

Joyce Maxine (VonEschen) Ninneman was born on March 23, 1929, to Ernest and Mamie (Dallman) VonEschen on their farm north of Ortonville, where she grew up. She was the second born of five children.

Joyce graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1947. She later met and fell in love with a handsome farmer who adored her brown eyes, dark hair, and strong, yet gentle demeanor. Bill knew they were meant for each other and proposed to her on July 4, 1950. They were married on June 22, 1951, at the Methodist Church in Ortonville. Bill and Joyce were eventually blessed with five children while living on their farms south of Ortonville. Being a mother was a role which provided Joyce with much joy. She was an excellent mom and homemaker, dedicated to the success of her children and husband.

Before marriage, Joyce enjoyed employment at the local Ben Franklin store in Ortonville. When her children became teenagers, she returned to work part time at Gibson's and Value Variety Stores for several years.

Joyce is remembered fondly for her skills of gardening, canning, and freezing her produce. She enjoyed the presence of birds and butterflies in her gardens. Most Sunday mornings she was up before anyone preparing the noon meal of the most delicious roast beef or fried/baked chicken. Joyce continued the Ninneman German tradition by making peppernuts each Christmas. She loved to bake and we will forever long for her amazing brownies with chocolate fudge frosting! Yum!

Joyce became a grandmother in 1974, a new role which she wholeheartedly embraced. When the grandchildren visited the farm, she showered them with love and made sure each one knew they were special.

As a young adult, Joyce accepted Jesus as her Savior at the nearby Yellow Bank Campgrounds with Bill at her side. She enjoyed being active with her church: attending worship, participating in various ladies' groups, teaching Sunday School, and singing in the choir. She and Bill were sure to bring their five children to Sunday School and church every week which helped to instill strong Christian values for their family. Throughout her life, Joyce was an avid reader. She enjoyed magazines, devotional books, and the Bible. Even in her most recent years, when reading became more difficult for her, she always had her Bible by her side. Simply having God's Word near seemed to provide Joyce with strength, and the reassurance she would soon be "Filled with His Goodness, lost in His Love."

After Bill's death in 1993, Joyce insisted she remain on the farm, which she did until 2014, when her health declined. She relocated to Northridge in Ortonville, Park Place Assisted Living in Milbank, and eventually Milbank Avantara Nursing Home.

Joyce is survived by her children: Gary (Sherry) Ninneman of Ortonville, MN; Bill Ninneman, Jr. of Milbank, SD; Jonathan (Ardys) Ninneman of New London, MN; Kathryn (Tim) Bradford of Spicer, MN; and Mark (Kris) Ninneman of Ortonville, MN; 15 grandchildren: Jason Ninneman, Tanya Ninneman (fiancé Josh Baruth), Jeremiah (Amanda) Ninneman, Chris (Sherry) Ninneman, Brian (Jody) Ninneman, Jessica (Bill) Bradley, Alicia (Nicholas) Jacobs, Andrea (Curtis) Pickering, Sondra (Seth) Rosendahl, Ben (Nikki) Bradford, Nathan (Clista) Bradford, Amy (Jesse) Meyer, Candice (Jeff) Roesner, Travis (Chantal) Ninneman, and Breeahna Ninneman (special friend Shane Gesell); 31 great-grandchildren: Aevyn, Levi, Cora, & Marie Ninneman; Kyle, Austin, & Claire Ninneman; Alexis, Tayla, & Brody Ninneman; Parker, Kellen, & Sawyer Bradley; Cayden, Landon, Brennan, & Adalyn Jacobs; Easton, Talan, Mara, & Hensley Pickering; Brooks & Lydia Rosendahl; Charles, August, & Logan Bradford; Colton & Walker Bradford; Skylar, Ryker, & Nash Ninneman; and many precious nieces, nephews, cousins, and two sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Frank Ninneman; her parents; brothers: Lyle, Jerald, Eugene; and sister, Dorothy (Allen) French.

