

Audrey Jean Knudsen was born on March 10, 1940, near Kandiyohi, Minnesota, the daughter of Eugene and Violet (Dahl) Knudsen. She grew up in the Kandiyohi community, was baptized at Calvary Lutheran Church, confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church and graduated from Willmar High School in 1958.

In 1960, Audrey was united in marriage to Terrance "Terry" Thompson. To this union they were blessed with four children, Jean, Joel, James and Jan. Audrey worked a short time at the Lakeland Medical Center and Arthur Snyder in Willmar. Later they moved to Echo, and owned and operated the Citizens State Bank of Echo. She worked part-time at the bank (mostly during the income tax season for over 22 years.) After moving back to the Atwater area (on Diamond Lake), they owned and operated Thompson Bakery and Coffee House in Atwater for several years before retiring.

Audrey served on numerous church positions, as well as being elected as President of the Southwest Synod Women's Group of the ELCA. She taught Sunday School and Confirmation class for several years. She was also active with the Rice Hospice Organization in the Willmar area. Audrey also traveled for 10-12 years with a group to teach VBS at LaRonge, Saskatchewan, Canada. She also attended mission trips to Boliva and Peru in South America and Southeast Africa.

Audrey passed away Wednesday morning, April 3, at Vista Prairie at Copperleaf in Willmar at the age of 84.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Terry; children, Jean (and Steven) Gladitsch, Joel Thompson (and friend, Laura), James Thompson and Jan (and Randy) Lambert; eight grandchildren, Lisa (and Gary) Zvorak, Timothy Gladitsch, Michael Gladitsch, Tyler (and Laura) Thompson, Tiffany Thompson, Jessica (and Karl) Krueger, Jordan Thompson, and Sean (and Victoria) Lambert; and six great grandchildren. Also surviving are seven siblings, Marvis (and William) Hallberg, Norman (and Klidoris) Knudsen, Melvin (and Barbara) Knudsen, Wayne (and Kay) Knudsen, Carol (and David) Knudsen Hendrickson, Larry (and Debra) Knudsen and Darlene Knudsen; besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Celebrating the Life of



Audrey J. Thompson

1940 - 2024

Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

*The family of Audrey gratefully acknowledges your prayers,
many generous gifts of kindness and your presence here today.
No further acknowledgments will be sent.*

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Audrey J. Thompson

March 10, 1940
Kandiyohi, Minnesota

April 3, 2024
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Prelude		Sharon Willen
Processional Hymn	<i>"He Leadeth Me"</i>	see insert
Funeral Liturgy		
Obituary		
Special Music	<i>"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"</i>	Carrie Netzley
Scripture Readings		
	Psalm 23, Psalm 100, Psalm 95:1-3, Philippians 4:4-7	
Sermon		Pastor Carl Fiskness
Hymn	<i>"Children Of The Heavenly Father"</i>	#781 ELW
Prayer and Invitation for lunch		
The Lord's Prayer		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	<i>"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"</i>	see insert
Postlude		

Casketbearers

Grandchildren

Interment

Green Lake Free Lutheran Cemetery
Spicer, Minnesota