

## Remembering the Life....

Grace Elizabeth Christensen was born on December 3, 1941, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of Otto and Alice (Anderson) Holm. She was baptized and confirmed in the Eagle Lake Lutheran Church where she was a lifetime member. Grace attended Rural School District 1398 and then Battle High School graduating in 1959.

Grace and Jack were married on July 26, 1959, in Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. They resided on Grace's home farm, where she lived her entire life until moving into Lakeview Apartments in October of 2022.

Grace was a person who enjoyed the outdoors. She was an avid horseback rider that would find joy in taking her Palomino, Dixie down to Eagle Lake for a swim. She spent a summer working at Shady Oak Riding Stable and also worked at Moen Inn Cafe. Once married to Jack, she became what she most loved, a hard-working farm wife who found joy in being in the field working with Jack. She would rely on Jack to lay out the land and then she would take over plowing, working the ground for Jack to plant. She enjoyed baling hay, driving on the baler but could throw haybales side-by-side with a man. Grace later worked with Jack at the Elizabeth NFO Collection Point, doing the bookkeeping.

One would never guess that Grace would ever like sewing, but for the last many years she loved sewing quilts for the church. She was an avid reader, an excellent cook and desert maker (Graham Cracker Pie and Special K bars, yum!). She was also active with the Eagle Lake Church Ladies Aid.

On Sunday, July 23, 2023, Grace passed away at Maplewood Manor Memory Care in Elbow Lake at the age of eighty-one years.

She is survived by her children, Terry (Wayne) Dalluge, Rick (Jim Mueller) Christensen and Kim (Craig) Stich; grandchildren, Brenna Ward, Camee Dalluge, Tracy Dalluge, Blye (Haley Kaspari) Dalluge, Bennet (Trisha) Stich and Grant (MaKayla) Stich; great-grandchildren, Mason Dalluge, Jase and Jack Ward, Layne, Watson, Lennox and Lucy Stich; and by numerous relatives and friends. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; parents, Otto and Alice Holm; father and mother in-law, Herb and Alta Christensen; sister, Audrey Jensen; brother, Garfield Holm; brothers-in-law, Arvid, Bill, Bob and Cliff Christensen, Don Luhning, George Jensen, Roy Ketcham; sisters-in-law, Ginny Holm, Fern Christensen, Josephine Christensen, Julie Christensen and Betty Manigle; nephews, Jeff Christensen and Jeff Jensen; niece, Jean Marie Holm.

Blessed be the Memory of Grace Christensen

## Celebrating the *Life* of



*Grace Christensen*



You can shed tears that she's gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived  
    You can close your eyes  
    and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
    Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
    You can remember her and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on  
    You can cry and close your mind,  
    be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want  
    Smile—open your eyes  
    Love—and go on

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Grace Christensen**

December 3, 1941 ~ July 23, 2023

**Funeral Service**

Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 2 PM  
Eagle Lake Lutheran, Rural Battle Lake, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Reverend Ben Durbin

**Music**

Myrna Van Watermullen, organist  
Rick Christensen, soloist  
    *"Softly and Tenderly"*  
    *"On Eagle's Wings"*

**Congregational Hymns**

*"How Great Thou Art" LBW532*  
    *"Battle Hymn of the Republic" LBW332*

**Honorary Casketbearers**

*Grace's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren*  
    Brenna Ward ~ Camee Dalluge ~ Tracy Dalluge  
    Mason Dalluge ~ Jase Ward ~ Jack Ward  
    Layne Stich ~ Weston Stich ~ Lennox Stich ~ Lucy Stich

**Casketbearers**

*Grace's Grandsons and Sons-In-Law*  
    Bennet Stich ~ Blye Dalluge ~ Grant Stich  
    Wayne Dalluge ~ Jim Mueller ~ Craig Stich

**Interment**

Eagle Lake Cemetery, Battle Lake, Minnesota

**Appreciation**

Grace's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

**Arrangements by**

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Battle Lake ~ [www.GlendeNilson.com](http://www.GlendeNilson.com)