

As we say our good-byes,  
We know you are watching us from the skies.

We know you are in a better place,  
But it's hard not to see your smiling face.

You stayed with us for as long as you could,  
And left us with many memories that are good.

We will always remember the good times we shared,  
And never forget how much you cared.

We will love and miss you forevermore.  
Till it is our turn to knock on Heaven's door.

We know you will be waiting on the other side,  
To welcome us with your arms open wide.

Your life was full of love and laughter,  
We will always remember you forever after.

During your life you accomplished a lot,  
But now on earth there is an empty spot.

You hold a special place in many hearts,  
Even though, for now, we had to part.

You touched many lives in your time here on earth,  
And we will never forget how much that is worth.

Though we don't want to say good-bye, not now or ever,  
We know God will surround you with love as you rest in  
peace forever.

Written by Kim Hefti

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF  
*Joyce Nielsen*



**Memorial Service**  
Friday, November 3, 2023  
10:30 AM  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Lake Benton, Minnesota

**Officiating**  
Rev. David Danner

**Scripture Readings**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8      Psalm 23  
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39      John 14:1-6

**Organist** - Karen Lichtsinn

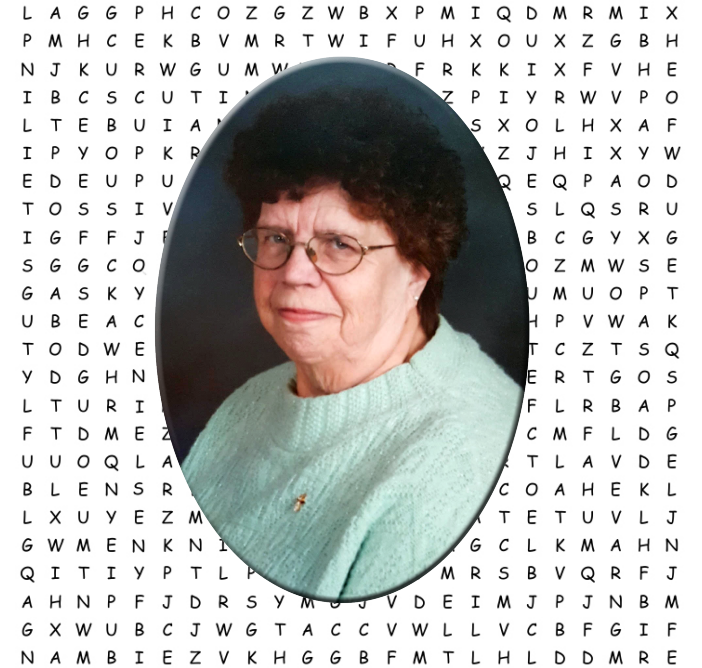
**Congregational Hymns**  
"Amazing Grace"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"How Great Thou Art"

**Recorded Music**  
"Spirit In The Sky"  
as recorded by Norman Greenbaum

**Inurnment**  
Ruthton City Cemetery  
Ruthton, Minnesota

Arrangements Entrusted To  
**HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME**  
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*In Loving*  
MEMORY



ADD	BAKE	BEAT	BLEND
BOIL	BOIL	CUT IN	FLAVOUR
FREEZE	FRY	GRATE	GRILL
MELT	MIX	TOSS	WARSH
WHIP			

*Joyce Nielsen*  
February 14, 1944 - October 28, 2023

# IN Remembrance

Joyce Ann Marie Nielsen was born on February 14, 1944 to Carlton and Leone (Sumption) Erickson in Tyler, Minnesota. She was baptized on May 21, 1944 at Ellsborough Lutheran Church. She grew up in the Pipestone, Minnesota area and attended school in Pipestone. She was confirmed on May 22, 1960 at First Lutheran Church in Pipestone. She graduated from Pipestone High School on June 1, 1962. She was married in 1968 and settled in Lake Benton, Minnesota and to this union two daughters were born, Jodi (1970) and Kim (1972). The couple was later divorced in 1977. Joyce worked many jobs over the years including Fecker Produce, Henry Sollie American Legion Post 10 (Lake Benton), and also worked for Senior Dining. She owned Mother Hubbard Café in Lake Benton with her daughters; their time spent there together created a very special bond. She retired in 2015 and continued to live in Lake Benton. Joyce entered the care of the Pipestone County Hospice House and passed away there on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the age of 79 years, eight months, and 14 days.

Joyce was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Benton. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards, and doing word search books. She was an avid fan of the Twins and Vikings but she especially enjoyed attending Wildcat Football games with her fluffly "sister," Judy. She always enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together with her special friend, Marlys. She was a great cook and she held many of her recipes close to her chest, especially for her homemade potato salad.

She will be remembered for her infectious cackle, her sense of humor and orneriness, and her quick wit!

Joyce is lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Jodi and her husband, Shawn Reese of Woodstock, Minnesota, and Kim and her husband, Ken Hefti of Lake Benton; seven grandchildren, Amber (Dakota), Brandon (Maurika), Karlie (Caleb), Blaine, Brock, Austin, and Ashton; two great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Hudson; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlton and Leone; and her only brother, John; and numerous relatives and friends.

Written by Kim Hefti

To our dearest mom,

You are gone from our sight, but not from our hearts,  
We will see you again when it's our time to part.

Although we can't call you or talk face to face,  
We know you are with us all the time and in every place.

You have taught us many things over the years,  
Except how to live without you, one of our biggest fears.

We are very saddened that you had to go,  
But you are no longer suffering. That we do know.

This is not the end of your book,  
Just another chapter with a different outlook.

As we learn to live life without you in it,  
We will never forget you, not even for a minute.

Love always,  
Jodi + Kim  
Hug + Kisses  
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