

"I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this Year"

I see the countless Christmas trees,
Around the world below.
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars,
Reflecting in the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away that tear.
For I'm spending Christmas,
With Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs,
That people hold so dear.
But earthly music can't compare,
With the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring.
For it's beyond description,
To hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
Trust God and have no fear
For I'm spending Christmas,
With Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor
Or the peace here in this place.
Can you imagine Christmas,
With our Savior, face to face?

May God uplift your spirit
As I tell Him of your love.
Then pray one for another,
As you lift your eyes above.

So let your hearts be joyful,
And let your spirits sing.
For I'm Spending Christmas in Heaven,
And I'm walking with the King.

~Author Unknown~

Remembering
THE LIFE OF



Karen Van Beek

November 1, 1944 - December 6, 2023

Karen Kay Van Beek was born on November 1, 1944 in Pipestone, Minnesota to Deloit and Mae Van Beek. She was raised on the family farm near Holland, Minnesota and attended elementary school in Holland. In 1957, she began attending school in Pipestone. After her graduation from Pipestone High School in 1964, she helped on the family farm. She also babysat for several area families. In October, 2003, she moved to Pipestone. In September of 2023, she entered the Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone under hospice care and passed away on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the age of 79.

Karen was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Holland where she was baptized. After her confirmation in 1958, she taught Sunday School for 38 years. She also helped with the Vacation Bible School. She was very active in the Ladies Aid and served as secretary-treasurer of her circle for many years. She enjoyed traveling and traveled to most of the United States. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening, and caring for her flowers. She especially enjoyed doing crafts of all kinds.

She is lovingly remembered by her brother, Dale Van Beek (Gwyn) of Fair Oaks, California; her sister, Myra Palmer (David) of Worthington, Minnesota; her niece, Addie King (Darren) of Brewster, Minnesota; great-nephew and niece, Trevor and Sophie King of Brewster, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; sister-in-law, Penny Van Beek; and numerous aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to St. James Lutheran Church quilters or the Pipestone County Emergency Management & Ambulance Service.

Blessed be the memory of Karen Van Beek!

I N L O V I N G
Memory
Karen Van Beek



Memorial Service

Friday, January 26, 2024 - 1:00 PM
St. James Lutheran Church
Holland, Minnesota

Officiating - Rev. David Petrich

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 Isaiah 49:13-16
Revelation 21:1-7 Mark 10:13-16
Revelation 3:20 (Karen's Confirmation Passage)

Organist - Steve Weets

Congregational Hymns

"I Am Jesus Little Lamb"
"Jesus Loves Me"
"Nearer My God to Thee"

Inurnment

Holland Cemetery
Holland, Minnesota



Karen's family would like to thank each of you for your presence today as you gather to celebrate Karen's life and faith. All family and friends are welcome to join together at the cemetery for the committal service and then in the church basement for food and fellowship.

Arrangements Entrusted To
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME