Josie Lucille Hovey was born on January 5, 1918, in Kandiyohi, Minnesota, the daughter of John and Hannah (Hove) Knudson. She spent her childhood growing up on a farm near Atwater. Josie was baptized at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She attended school in Atwater and graduated from Atwater High School in 1936.

Following high school, Josie attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis and then Litchfield Teachers Training. She taught in several rural schools near Atwater for 9 years. She later worked as the Postal Clerk at the Atwater Post Office.

In 1942, Josie was united in marriage to Lester E. Ramey and they made their home in the Atwater community. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Deryl and Darlene. Lester passed away in 1956. In 1958, Josie married Marcus P. Hovey and they continued living in Atwater. Marcus passed away in 1979.

Josie was a life member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was active in singing groups and ladies circle. She was also active with the American Legion Auxiliary, Willmar Ostomy Society and Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her two children, Deryl (and Nancy) Ramey of Baxter and Darlene Nelson of Minnetonka; eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; her son-in-law, David Nelson; four sisters, Eleanor, Esther, Anna and Hazel and two brothers, Leonard and Vernon.

## Celebrating the Life of



Josie L. Hovey

1918 - 2022

## In Loving Memory Of

## Josie L. Hovey

January 5, 1918 Kandiyohi, Minnesota March 19, 2022 Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Atwater, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Jennifer Thul

Music

Pianist: Shirley Capistrant

Vocalists: Kristi Wilts, Marin Wilts & Kayla Ellis

**Honorary Pallbearers** 

Jeffrey Ramey Mary Ramey Lori Schmidt Jodi Tils Jessel Gaskell Susan Nelson Sarah Doege

Interment

Union Cemetery Atwater, Minnesota

The time has come for me to leave this life.

I have fought the good fight.

I have finished the race.

I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me

the crown of righteousness

which the LORD,

the righteous judge,

will award to me on that day.

-Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

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