

Wilma Mary (Ritchie) Triebenbach was born on February 15, 1938, in Des Moines, Iowa to William "Bill" and Vivian (Erickson) Ritchie. She grew up in Blairsburg, IA, where she graduated from high school in 1956. Wilma's family vacationed summers in Osakis, where she had family living. Wilma moved to California with a friend and worked as a bank teller. In the summer of 1959, she returned to Osakis and attended a dance in Sauk Centre with Dallas. After the dance, the two talked late in the morning hours sitting in Dallas's car, under the yard light in Uncle Bob Ritchie's driveway. Wilma returned to California, and the two corresponded by writing letters.

A short time later, Dallas proposed in a letter, Wilma came back to Osakis and the two were united in marriage on February 4, 1961. The couple lived in Osakis and were blessed with three children, Kelly, Karl and Kurtis. Wilma was a homemaker and raised the children. After the kids were grown, she started working as the custodian at Osakis Lutheran Church which she continued until her passing.

Wilma was very involved with her church holding many roles over the years. Sunday school teacher, singing in the choir, Church Council, and as the Lunch Coordinator for special occasions at the church. She enjoyed bowling for many years on many leagues and was involved with the Central Lakes Cruiser Car Club. Wilma was very family orientated and LOVED spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Wilma died on Thursday evening, December 9, 2021, at the Galeon in Osakis at the age of 83. Her passing was gentle and peaceful with family and God at her side. She is survived by her husband, Dallas of Osakis; daughter, Kelly (Dennis) Smith of Evansville; son, Karl (wife, Gina Brusseau) Triebenbach and their children, Rebecca, Finn and Stella of Minneapolis, MN; son, Kurtis (Erica) Triebenbach; and their son, Alexander, of Lakeville, MN; sister-in-law, Delores (Wayne) Olson of Osakis. Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Vivian Ritchie; and favorite cousin, Roberta (Ritchie) Laven.

## THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

*In Memory of*

### Wilma M. Triebenbach

February 15, 1938



December 9, 2021

#### Memorial Service

Osakis Lutheran Church  
Osakis, Minnesota

Saturday, December 18, 2021  
1:00 PM



#### Officiant

Reverend Rich Fitzer

#### Organist

Diane Alveshere

#### Soloist

Kurtis Triebenbach

#### Music

O Come All Ye Faithful  
10,000 Reasons  
Children of the Heavenly Father  
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

#### Interment

Gordon Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
Osakis, Minnesota