

Betty Mae Junkermeier was born July 14, 1928, in Willmar MN, the daughter of Berger and Chloe Berg. She grew up in Willmar and was baptized and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church. She graduated from Willmar High School in 1946 "the Chicks of 46". Following graduation, she worked for FW Woolworths "Five-and-Dimes" store. On December 21, 1949, she married Allan Dean Junkermeier and joined him in farming north of Lake Lillian.

Betty loved her family. You could often find her playing Hearts, Risk, Life, or other board games with her husband, Allan, or one of her four children, twelve grandchildren, or fourteen great-grandchildren. From Alaska to Massachusetts, Alberta to Arizona, she travelled near and far to support her children's and grandchildren's sports and activities. She constantly shared stories and anecdotes about her grandchildren's talents, graduations, jobs, and travels. She never forgot a birthday.

Betty's bread and sugar cookies were beloved by all. She enjoyed canning vegetables from the garden and freezing corn. She never shied away from hard work, whether it was driving the tractor, unloading corn wagons, or running the motor while unloading hay. She was a member of Rosendale United Methodist church, where she sang in the choir and was active in women's ministries and the monthly prayer circle. Her involvement in Eastern Star showcased her commitment to community and fellowship. Yet, in the midst of her busy life, she always found time to chat and visit with loved ones, savor some chocolate, and watch a game show.

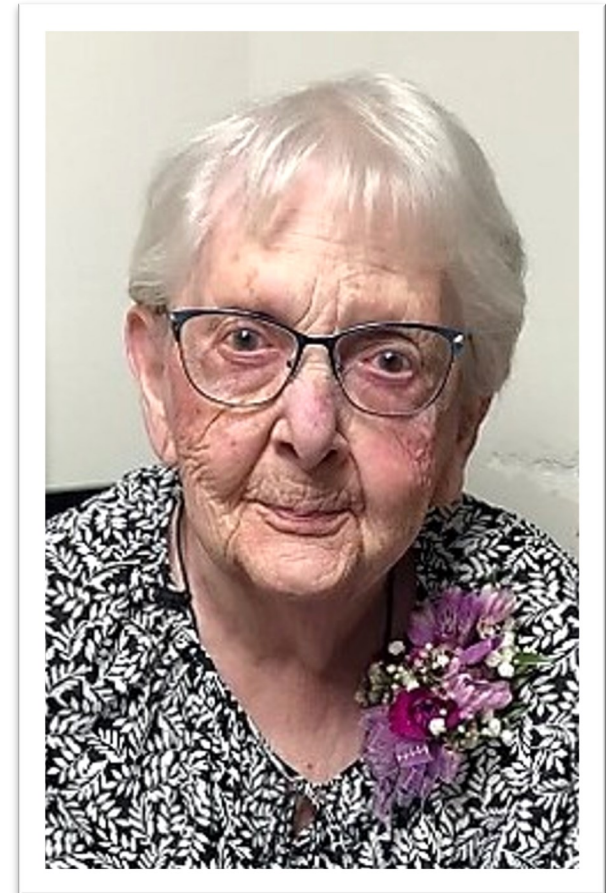
While best known for her kindness and generosity, she was also a tough competitor. She took home many bowling league trophies, and weekly jaunts to Jackpot Junction (with her husband, Allan and her best friend, Ruth) resulted in several Bingo jackpots. A loyal Minnesota sports fan, she always cheered for the Twins, Lynx, and Vikings.

Heaven now embraces a remarkable wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Betty will be dearly missed, and her memory will continue to bring warmth and love to all who knew her.

She is survived by her four children, Kenneth Junkermeier of Phoenix, AZ., Nancy (and Steve) Norbie of Willmar, Jeff Junkermeier of Minnetonka, and Stacy (and Kim) Junkermeier of Lake Lillian; eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Karol Brown of Hutchinson and Sandy Danielson of Willmar, as well as many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allan; two grandchildren, Jennifer Huisinga Norbie and Zach Junkermeier; two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Berg and Eugene "Butch" Berg; and two brothers-in-law, Roger Danielson and Thomas Brown.

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Betty Mae Junkermeier*

*1928 - 2023*

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me—but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me—But Let me Go!*

*-Christina Rossetti*

Arrangements By  
*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

## *Betty Mae Junkermeier*

July 14, 1928  
Willmar, Minnesota

September 14, 2023  
Willmar, Minnesota

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Friday, September 22, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.  
Rosendale United Methodist Church  
Rosendale, Minnesota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Stefanie Morgan

### **Musicians**

Judy Mickelson & Shirley Roelofs

### **Active Casketbearers**

Jesse Junkermeier     Sutton Junkermeier  
Jordan Junkermeier     Luke Norbie  
Rebekah Keddie     Katherine Beson

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

Melissa Junkermeier     Michelle Junkermeier  
Jennifer Junkermeier-Khan     Zach Junkermeier  
Amy Keys     Ann Poe

### **Interment**

Rosendale United Methodist Cemetery  
Rosendale, Minnesota