

*Marcella Mae (Strobel) Lemmon passed away on May 3, 2023 in Fargo, ND. Marcella was born October 2, 1937, on a farm north of Eureka, SD, a German-Russian community to parents Arthur and Pauline (Beck) Strobel. Marcella was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Eureka, SD. Her elementary education was in a one room country school. She graduated from Eureka High School. Marcella went to college at the University of Washington in Seattle and graduated in 1959 with a major in Home Economics. She returned to the Midwest and worked in Fergus Falls, MN as an assistant Home Agent and later became the Home Extension Agent in Detroit Lakes, MN. This was followed by teaching Home Economics at the University of Minnesota High School in Crookston, MN.*

*In 1962 Marcella married Duane Lemmon from Detroit Lakes, MN. When Duane retired from work at the Northwest Technical College in 1991, they began going to Mesa, AZ for the winter months to take advantage of the warmer climate. But they always looked forward to returning to Minnesota to work with their flower and vegetable gardens and to enjoy God's Green Earth. Marcella was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, participating in quilting and the Miriam Circle. She also belonged to the Detroit Lakes Library Club. Marcella was very artistic and enjoyed recycling and remaking greeting cards from anyone who saved them for her. She made numerous colorful cross-stitch wall hangings and bell pulls. Marcella enjoyed gardening, especially flowers of all kinds, with her favorites the African Violets that traveled with her to Arizona each winter.*

*Marcella is survived by husband Duane and two daughters, Marcia (Jon) Jacobson of Fargo, ND, and Karla (Tim) Lueder of Plymouth, MN, one grandson, Jack Lueder, and niece Jaimie Bennett (Bret Hesla) of Minneapolis, MN.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents, her older sister, Ardella Bennett, long-time friend Lies Boxman, and three siblings who died in infancy; brother Carol, and sisters Mildred and Mary.*



*God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around her and whispered "come with me."  
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer, and saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay.  
Her golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I am following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void, then fill it  
with remembered joy, a friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with time of sorrow.  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wanted me, now, He sets me free.

As I Sit In Heaven

As I sit in heaven and watch you every day,  
I try to let you know with signs I never went away.  
I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep,  
I even lace my arms around you to calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home,  
So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.  
Don't feel guilty that you have Life that was denied to me,  
Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.  
So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.  
Then I know with every breath you take you'll be taking one for me.

*Marcella Mae (Strobel) Lemmon*

*Celebration of Life*

*Monday, May 8 2023 11:00 a.m.*

*Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Detroit Lakes, Minnesota*

*Officiated by Pastor Ann Jacobson*

*Organist Julie Aanenson*

Order of Service

*Invocation*

*Processional*

*Congregational Hymn*

*Obituary*

*Comments*

*Scripture*

*Special Music*

*Message*

*Special Music*

*Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

*Commendation*

*Congregational Hymn*

*Recessional*

*When Peace Like A River*

*Pastor Ann Jacobson*

*Karla Lemmon*

*Psalm 21*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Romans 8:31-39*

*The King Is Coming*

*Pastor Ann Jacobson*

*Abide With Me*

*Pastor Ann Jacobson*

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*How Great Thou Art*

*Hallelujah Chorus*

*ELW 785*

*Tim Lueder*

*Bret Hesla*

*ELW 856*

*Arrangements by West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services*

*Detroit Lakes, Minnesota*