



### *The Line*

*Every minute someone leaves this world behind.*

*We are all in "the line" without knowing it.*

*We never know how many people are before us.*

*We cannot move to the back of the line.*

*We cannot step out of the line.*

*We cannot avoid the line.*

*So, while we wait in line -*

*Make moments count. Make priorities.*

*Make the time. Make your gifts known.*

*Make a nobody feel like a somebody.*

*Make your voice heard. Make the small things big.*

*Make someone smile. Make the change.*

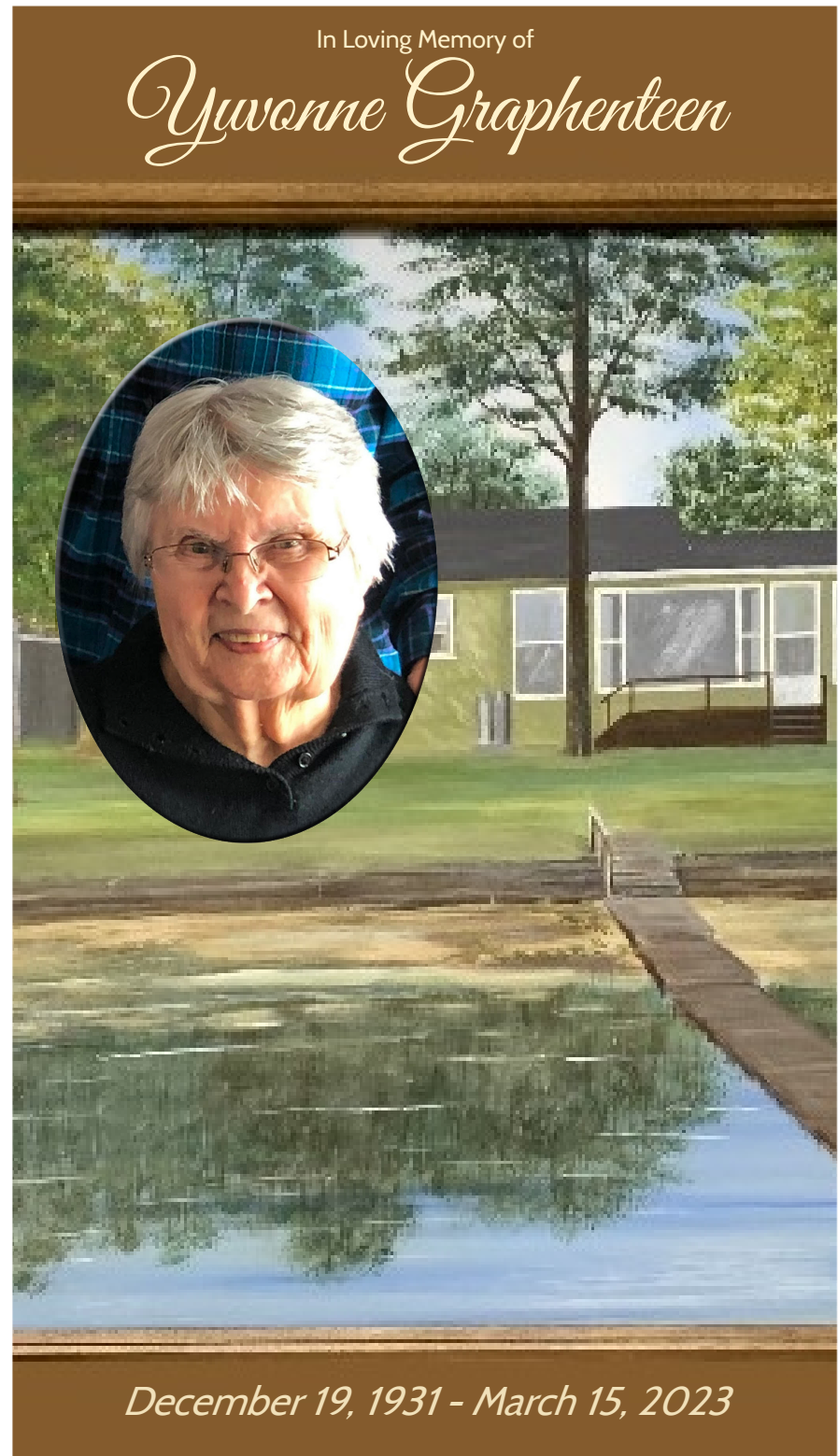
*Make love. Make up. Make peace.*

*Make sure to tell your people they are loved.*

*Make sure you have no regrets.*

*Make sure you are ready. Above all else -*

*Make sure you know Christ as your Savior!*



*December 19, 1931 - March 15, 2023*

In Loving Memory of

# Yvonne Graphenteen



## Memorial Service

Saturday, May 13, 2023

2:00 PM

Hartquist Funeral Home

Luverne, Minnesota

## Officiating

Rev. Gary Klatt

## Scripture

Psalm 23:1-6

Isaiah 63:7-9

1 John 2:28-3:3

John 14:1-6

## Music

"In The Garden"

"Heaven Is My Home"

## Inurnment

Maplewood Cemetery

Luverne, Minnesota

*Following the committal, friends are welcome to join the family for food and fellowship at the Luverne Country Club.*

Arrangements By

HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

**Yvonne Vie Graphenteen** was born December 19, 1931 to Jacob and Vie (Bonnett) Aanenson on the family's farm near Magnolia, Minnesota. She spent her childhood on the farm, graduating from Magnolia High School in 1949. Following her graduation, she worked in nearby Luverne at Tri-State Insurance Company. She married Robert "Bob" Kleemeier in January, 1951. The couple lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Yvonne was pregnant with their baby girl, Coleen, when Bob was killed in a car accident. Yvonne moved home to Magnolia where she lived with her family and took care of Coleen. Throughout life, one of Yvonne's greatest joys was music and dancing. One night she was at Hollyhock Ballroom near Hatfield, Minnesota when her future husband, Harold "Shorty" Graphenteen, came over and asked her to dance. The couple began dating and got married on August 15, 1953 in Tacoma, Washington where Harold was stationed with the Army. Upon Harold's return from the service, the young family farmed in the Jasper area until 1967 and were blessed with two more children, Laura and Steve. Yvonne worked hard as a stay-at-home mom and homemaker for their family. They moved to Magnolia and continued to farm until 1974. At that time, they moved to Trosky, Minnesota where Harold began running "Graff's Bar". In 1982, they sold the bar and bought an off-sale liquor store in Fulda, Minnesota. They lived in Fulda and operated "Graff's Liquor" for the next 25 years. They sold their store in 2009 and decided to move to Luverne, Minnesota to be closer to family. They also spent more time at their cabin on Lake Shetek near Slayton, Minnesota.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023 while residing at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth, Minnesota, Yvonne died peacefully surrounded by her family at the age of 91 years, two months and 26 days.

Yvonne was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple was a member of the same card club for over 60 years. It included nine other couples that got together to play cards, visit, share food and have some fun from September to May. They would all get together in the summer for an annual picnic and await the next fall for their card playing to start again. Yvonne's passion in life was dancing. She would dance every night of the week if she could. She loved to jitterbug but enjoyed a good waltz and polka too. The lady could make a mean apple pie. Harold planted apple trees for her in their yard. When apple season came, the couple would eat at least two pies a week between the two of them. She also enjoyed spending time up at Lake Shetek socializing with their neighbors and the feeling of community amongst them.

Yvonne is lovingly remembered by her children, Coleen Cauwels of Cresco, Iowa, Laura (Steve) Van Klei of Champlin, Minnesota, and Steve (Mary Jo) Graphenteen of Luverne; grandchildren, Teresa (Doug) Reisdorfer of Cannon Falls, MN, Beth Cauwels (Tom Norton) of Ventura, CA, Michael (Lindsey) Van Klei of Plymouth, MN, Christopher Van Klei (Peter Wampole) of Minneapolis, MN, Taylor (Vashti) Graphenteen of Sandpoint, ID; and Anthony Graphenteen (Kristel) of Luverne; great-grandchildren, Derick Reisdorfer, Madison and Kayla Van Klei; Regan and Cameron Graphenteen, and Banks Graphenteen; She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Shorty" Graphenteen (October 13, 2019); son-in-law, Dennis Cauwels; parents; and sister, Ellen Aanenson.