

Remembering the Life....

Betty Ann Spanswick, 90, of Ottertail, Minnesota, went to be with the Lord on December 9, 2024. A visitation will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2024, with a memorial service following at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ottertail, Minnesota with Pastor Karl Weber officiating the service.

Betty was born on November 14, 1934, in Doran, Minnesota to Ruth (Wahl) and Fritzjof Arneson. Betty was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church by the late Pastor Gorentz. Betty attended Country School in Doran County School and later graduated in 1973, receiving her GED. Betty was married to James "Jim" Spanswick on November 14, 1952, in Webster, South Dakota. During Betty's life she held many titles including homemaker, a waitress at Margaret's Café in Ottertail and The Chalet on Otter Tail Lake. Later on, she went on to get her home health aide certification and then worked at the Henning Nursing Home, Otter Tail County, Perham and the State of Minnesota. Betty retired in 1997. Betty enjoyed the outdoors and especially fishing. She was an active member of the Ottertail Rod and Gun Club for many years.

Betty is survived by her husband, Jim Spanswick; daughter Debra Larson; sons, Jeff (Krista), Joe (Sandy) and Ken (Karen); sister, Muriel (Larry) Tonsager; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those who preceded Betty in death were her parents, Ruth and Fritzjof; son, Bruce; two brothers, Fred Jr., and Orville Arneson; three sisters, Maxine (Micky) Herness, Lillian Burhans and Sylvia Tonsager.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at the Good Samaritan Home in Battle Lake.

Blessed be the Memory of Betty Ann Spanswick

Celebrating the Life of



Betty Ann Spanswick

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along
the beach with the Lord, and across the skies
flashed scenes from my life. In each scene
I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.
One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before
me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and
to my surprise I noticed that many times along the
path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest
and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that
once I decided to follow you, you would walk with
me all the way. But I notice that during the most
troublesome times in my life there is only one
set of footprints. I don't understand why you
left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you
and would never leave you. During your
times of trial and suffering, where you see
only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

In Loving Memory Of Betty Ann Spanswick

November 14, 1934–December 9, 2024

Memorial Service

Monday, December 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
Ottertail, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Karl Weber

Music

Mary Weber, organist
Rod Thalmann, soloist
"Amazing Grace"

Congregational Hymns

"What Child Is This"
"How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment

Girard Union Cemetery
Henning, Minnesota

Appreciation

Betty's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many
expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family
and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Battle Lake
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