



Alice Marie (Listul) Hammer, age 92, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday April 5 in Detroit Lakes.

Alice was born on September 2, 1930, to Gilbert and Alpha “Evelyn” Listul, in Hazel Run, in Yellow Medicine County, MN. She was the third of five children. Her family moved to the Detroit Lakes area in 1931, farming several different homesteads. Although farm life was difficult, it was also a blessing because the garden provided vegetables, and the cows and chickens produced milk, meat, and eggs.

In her early years, Alice attended one-room country schools, with all the grades being taught by one teacher. She later attended Detroit Lakes Senior High School, graduating in 1948. After graduation, Alice worked at several local businesses, including a bakery, dairy bar, and dime store. She also worked as an inventory clerk at Montgomery Ward and waitress at the “Club Flavo” in Detroit Lakes.

Alice married James B. Hammer on March 20, 1958. Her family was blessed with three children, Brian, Karen, and Greg. She was a devoted and tireless mother. She was also an excellent cook-her potato salad was always perfect.

When her children reached school age, Alice went back to work for the Utilities Department for the City of Detroit Lakes, where she was a billing clerk from 1968 to 1985. She later worked at St. John’s and St. Ansgar Hospitals in Fargo-Moorhead. After retiring, Alice was a steadfast volunteer at the Becker County Food Pantry in Detroit Lakes.

Alice is survived by her children; Brian (Kimberly) Hammer of Detroit Lakes; Karen (Thomas) McKeen of Prior Lake; and Greg Hammer of Chaska, MN, as well as seven grandchildren. Her brothers; Curtis G. (Audrey) Listul of Detroit Lakes, and Earl Rudy (Shirley) Listul of Dilworth, MN, and her nieces and nephews.

Preceding Alice in death are her husband, James; her parents; and sisters Mae Ann (Gordon) Sharp and Dona Jane (Carl) Larson.



Celebrating the Life of

*Alice Marie
Hammer*

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm 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
God took my hand at the break of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Alice Hammer

Born
September 2, 1930
Hazel Run, Minnesota

Died
April 5, 2023
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Memorial Service
Wednesday, April 12, 2023-11:00 a.m.

West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Kurt Jacobson

Congregational Musical Selections

How Great Thou Art
It Is Well With My Soul

Pall Bearers

Brian Hammer Greg Hammer
Jared Hammer Adam Hammer
Ian Hammer Cole McKeen

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota