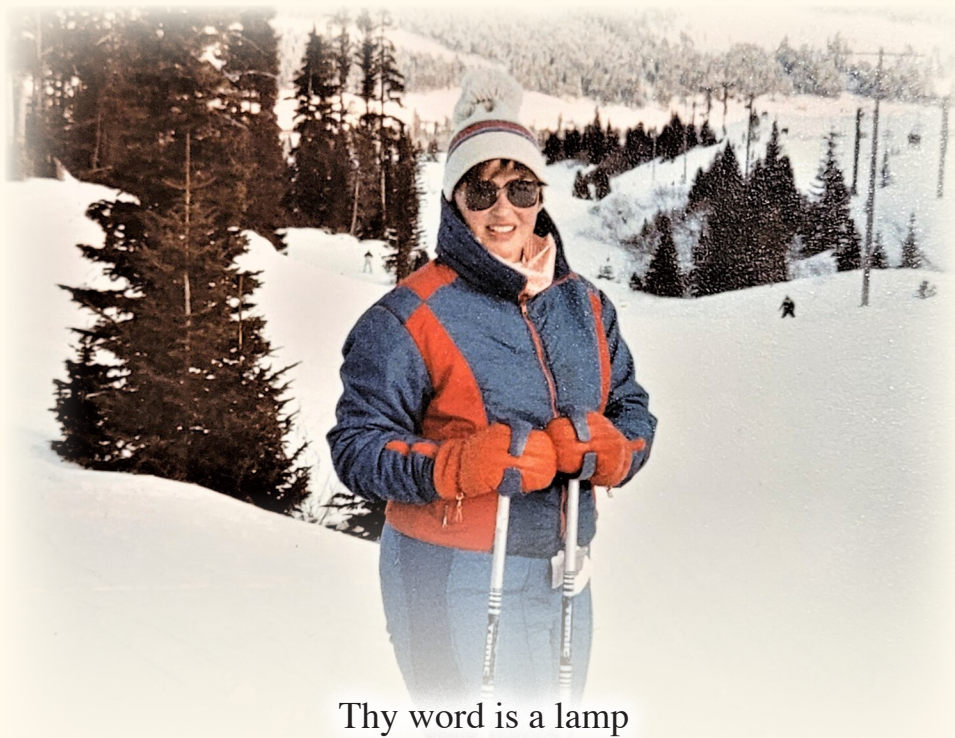


Celebrating the Life of

Judith Jane Roelofs



Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105



Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my
strength and my song;
and HE has become my salvation.

Isaiah 12:2



*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 we all must take and
each must go alone. 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.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Judith Jane Roelofs

January 16, 1940 October 11, 2023

Prayer Service and Memory Sharing

Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home – Crookston, MN

Led by Pastor Steve Bohler

The Memorial Service Honoring Judy's Life

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Crookston, MN

The Rev. Steve Bohler, officiating

Scripture Reading

Zachary Roelofs

Special Music

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Sung by Judy's Grandkids

"Thy Will be Done"

Kyle Roelofs, soloist

George French, accompanist

Congregational Hymns

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

"When Peace Like a River"

"I'll Fly Away"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Judy's Beloved Grandchildren

Alexia and Brent Bull

Jacob Thompson and Hayden Larson

Zachary and Amanda Roelofs

Jared and Alicia Roelofs

Hayden Roelofs and Ashley Pugh

Inurnment

Prinsburg, MN

*We would like to thank everyone for your very kind expressions of sympathy and
for your presence, whether in person or in spirit, as we celebrate the life of our
Wonderful Wife, Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Sister, and Aunt.*

Love,

Del – Kyle and Barb – Rick – The Grandkids and Great-Grandkids – and Family



Judith Jane Roelofs, 83, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Halstad Living Center, Halstad, MN, with her husband, Del, by her side. Judy was born in Danube, MN on January 16, 1940, to Alfred and Lilah (Anderson) Schroeder. She was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Danube and graduated from Danube High School with the Class of 1958.

After marrying her high school sweetheart, Delton James Roelofs, on August 15, 1958 at EUB Church, Judy and Del embarked on a journey together that took them to schools that Del taught in or served as school superintendent for in Belview, MN, Irene, SD, Eagle Bend, MN, and Glencoe, MN before finally settling in Crookston in 1970. Throughout their marriage, which was blessed by the births of daughter, Kari, and son, Kyle, Judy provided unwavering support to Del as she undertook her role as editor, proofreader, and typist for his master's thesis and doctoral dissertation which Del earned while spending a year in Laramie, WY working and writing it in 1974. Her meticulous attention to detail ensured that Del's work flourished under her loving care. The couple would relocate to White Bear Lake, MN in 1991 where Del was employed at the Northeast Metro Technical College. In 1996 they returned to Crookston. For several years Judy was employed as a teller at the Bremer Bank.

Judy's deep and abiding faith was evident in her involvement with every church where she called home. From childhood to the present day, she actively participated in the spiritual growth of these communities and her unwavering devotion served as an inspiration to all who knew her.

Later in life Judy's warm smile and infectious personality made her a cherished figure at their family-owned Red River Distributing Company in Crookston. As the office manager, she greeted visitors with her warm smile and a friendly demeanor.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Judy had many interests that brought joy to her life. She had a deep love for showing quarter horses that began in childhood and was passed on to Kari, who added to the blue ribbons that both mother and daughter were awarded over the years. Her pet dogs held a special place in her heart as well as they were drawn to her and could always be found by her side. Judy enjoyed painting and she used her clever eye for decorating and design to beautify not only her own home but also eagerly assisted friends in decorating their homes for the Christmas holiday season. Her creative touch brought joy and comfort to those around her. Judy was a devoted member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and had previously participated in Church and Bell Choirs. She enjoyed the longtime friendships of her Birthday Club members and was very active in Crookston's RiverView Hospital Auxiliary and Gift Shop. She was especially proud of learning to ski at the age of 40 and rather enjoyed a little bit of bragging about that accomplishment.

In 2018, Judy and Del made the Heritage House in Halstad their new home. Even there, Judy continued to spread her artistic flair by adorning the hallways and public spaces near their apartment. Her dedication to making her surroundings beautiful knew no bounds. She truly had a gift for turning any space into a warm and inviting sanctuary.

Judy's passing was preceded by a brief illness, which she faced with courage and grace. She wanted her family to know how much she loved her Lord; her infinite love for each of them in special ways; and for always being there for them.

She is survived by Del, her beloved husband of 65 years; their son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Barb Roelofs of Glyndon, MN; son-in-law, Rick Thompson of Crookston, MN; 5 grandchildren: Alexia (Brent) Bull of Bloomington, MN, Jacob Thompson (Hayden Larson) of St. Paul, MN, Zachary (Amanda) Roelofs of Niles, MI, Jared (Alicia) Roelofs of Barnesville, MN, and Hayden Roelofs (Ashley Pugh) of Park Rapids, MN; 3 great-grandchildren: Elliott Bull, and Briggs and Quinn Roelofs; 3 siblings: Donna Treichler of Renville, MN, Roger Schroeder of New London, MN, and Bonnie (Rodney) Lofquist of North Branch, MN; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol and Brad Carlson of Nisswa, MN; together with many nieces, nephews, extended family, and a large community of friends who will deeply mourn her loss. Her family is comforted knowing that the first one to welcome her to heaven was her dear daughter, Kari Sue (Roelofs) Thompson who died on May 4, 2006; and her parents, Alfred and Lilah; brother-in-law, Melvin Treichler; and parents-in-law, Ernest and Margaret Roelofs.

Judy's infectious spirit and vibrant presence will be genuinely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her memory will live on as a testament to the love and joy she brought into this world.

