



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# *Esther Lydia Lembcke*

**AUGUST 18, 1934 – JUNE 17, 2023**

## *Legacy OF Love*

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You **TAUGHT US LOVE** and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were **ALWAYS KIND**.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll  
*Eternally Keep.*

Services At:

Assumption Catholic Church — Morris, Minnesota  
Friday — June 23, 2023 — 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Father Todd Schneider

Musician:

Josh Fischer

Honorary Pallbearers:

*Esther's Grandchildren:*

Travis Lembcke, Nathan Lembcke, Melissa Lembcke  
Jackie Staples, Andy Lembcke, Matt Lembcke  
Casey Boutain, Tom Boutain, Dani Lovejoy  
Kristen Grimm, Kim Spohr, Tony White, Tracy White  
Nicholas Morgan-Lembcke, Richard Lopez-Lembcke,  
Corey Lembcke, Alyssa Kellner  
Brody Davidson, Sommer Davidson

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery  
Morris, Minnesota

**E**sther Lydia Rinkenberger, daughter of Albert and Lydia (Hohulin) Rinkenberger, was born August 18, 1934 on a farm near Morris, Minnesota, where she grew up and attended country school through the eighth grade. After completing country school, Esther lived with her sister Irene in Fairbury, IL during the school year and returned to the family farm during the summers. Esther graduated from Fairbury High School, and was the first of her family to do so. She was united in marriage to Raymond (Pete) Lembcke on May 11, 1955 at Assumption Catholic Church in Morris. The couple made their home on Pete's family farm, where they took over operations and raised their seven children. Esther later helped her children with watching her grandchildren when needed. In 2006, Esther and Pete moved to Morris. Pete passed away June 29, 2015. Esther continued to live in Morris until the time of her death.

Esther was a member of Assumption Catholic Church and Women's Guild. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, puzzles, playing cards, camping and traveling. Esther and Pete went on several bus tours over the years. Esther was an excellent cook and loved to bake. Most of all, Esther cherished the time spent with her family.

Esther died peacefully on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the West Wind Village in Morris. She was 88 years old.

She is survived by seven children: Duane (Ann) Lembcke of St. Cloud, Ed (Sue) Lembcke of Morris, Barb (Jon) Boutain of Starbuck, Jean (Merle) Spohr of Hancock, Nancy (Pat) White of Morris, Fred Lembcke of Glenwood and Janet (Steve) Davidson of St. Cloud; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one on the way; one brother: Joe (Harriet) Rinkenberger of Morris; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband: Raymond (Pete) Lembcke; her parents; three brothers: Francis, Marlyn and Art Rinkenberger and three sisters: Bernice Ashbaugh, Irene Lavalliere and Laverna Lesmeister.

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