

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Janice I. Mithun

APRIL 10, 1939 – FEBRUARY 14, 2023

You can only have one mother
Patient kind & true;
No other friend in all the world
Will be the same to you.
When others friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her *loving kindness*,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of *sunshine*,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.



Visitation:

Pedersen Funeral Home — Morris, Minnesota
Saturday — February 18, 2023 — 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Services At:

Pedersen Funeral Home—Morris, Minnesota

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Chris Richards

Music Selections:

“Amazing Grace” - Alan Jackson
“Old Rugged Cross” - Alan Jackson

Interment:

Cyrus South Cemetery
Cyrus, Minnesota

Janice Ilene Benson was born the only daughter to Robert and Olga (Moseng) Benson in Starbuck, Minnesota. Janice was raised with her brother on the family farm in rural Lowry, Minnesota. Janice received her education in Glenwood, graduating with the Glenwood High School, class of 1959. Following high school, Janice remained at home, helping on the family farm and milking cows. At the age of 21, Janice left the farm and was united in marriage to Sidney Mithun on April 30, 1960 at Cyrus Lutheran Church in Cyrus. They made their home in Cyrus and started their family, welcoming six sons and one daughter. Janice worked various jobs in Morris until she started her employment with Jennie-O in Willmar, where she worked until her retirement in the early 2000's. Janice continued to live in Cyrus until 2020 when she entered into the care of Minnewaska Lutheran Home in Starbuck where she lived until her death.

Janice was the rock of her family, she was a strong, determined woman – her family lovingly referred to her as the “Stubborn Swede.” Janice loved to visit – she never met a stranger and was always interested to know all she could about every person she met! Some of Janice’s other hobbies included: Bingo, playing cards and board games and word finds, listening to music, planting flowers, watching the birds and embroidery. Most importantly, Janice cherished the time that she was able to spend with her family.

Janice died peacefully, with her family by her side, on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Minnewaska Lutheran Home in Starbuck; she was 83 years old.

Janice is survived by her husband, Sidney of Cyrus; children: Randy (Denise) Mithun of Glenwood, Susan Fitzpatrick of Niceville, FL, Robert (Amy Rose) Mithun of Clara City, Ronald (Angie Fedler) Mithun of Cyrus, Richard Mithun of Alexandria, and Rodney Mithun of Sauk Rapids; 9 grandchildren: Brandi (Allen) Braun of Bismarck, ND, Robyn (Dan) Snider of Glenwood, Camryn (Andrew Middendorf) Mithun of Fargo, ND, Ryan (Haylee Marx) Fitzpatrick of Niceville, FL, Brendan Fitzpatrick of Niceville, FL, Shealee (Ethan Kruger) Mithun of Bunde, Alexa Mithun of Clara City, Travis (Sam Anderson) Mithun of Cyrus, and Trent (Travis) Smith of Alexandria; 8 great-grandchildren: Adam, Noah, Ezra, Adeline, and Asher Braun, Alivia and Calum Snider, and Gauge Kruger; sister-in-law, Virginia Benson of Alexandria and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. She is preceded in death by her parents; son: Roger Mithun and brother: Burdell Benson.

