

**Jon W. Gilfillan**, age 83, of St. James, MN, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato. Jon was born on May 19, 1942, to Morris and Clover (Hutchings) Gilfillan in Hopkins, MN. He graduated from Hopkins High School with the class of 1961, and later graduated from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Jon was united in marriage to the love of his life, Marilyn Flohrs, on July 7, 1971. Over the years, they lived in Hopkins and Chanhassen until they moved to Long Lake in 2003.

Jon was a very creative person, gifted with an artist's eye and a limitless imagination. He could look up at the clouds and see a million different things, finding beauty where others might not think to look. Some of his greatest joys came from simple moments, watching sunrises and sunsets over the lake, observing birds and butterflies, and enjoying the quiet passing of boats on the water.

Jon was incredibly handy and seemed able to pick up any skill in no time at all. He loved to tinker with old cars and restored many Oldsmobiles over the years. During his time living in the Cities, he was actively involved in car clubs and proudly served as both President and Vice President of the Minnesota Oldsmobile Club. He took great pride in his vehicles, keeping them clean, polished, and shining, and he especially enjoyed attending car shows and sharing his passion with others.

Art was a constant throughout Jon's life. He will be remembered for his artistic spirit, his skilled hands, and the joy he found in both grand projects and quiet moments. He enjoyed painting and drawing and created beautiful Tiffany-style lamps, sculptures, and detailed wood plaques featuring the Minnesota Vikings and Vince Lombardi. His talent also left a lasting mark on the community, including a piece titled "Togetherness" created for the St. James Mayo Hospital donor wall, as well as another displayed in the county courthouse meeting room.

Jon will forever be remembered by his loving wife of 54 years, Marilyn; daughter, Skye Hagenstein (fiance, Bryan); grandchildren, Joe (Alicia) LaHood, Erica LaHood, Summer (Zach) Babcock; 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Kim Wells; mother-in-law, Lucille Flohrs; brothers-in-law, Richard (Linda) Flohrs and Allen (Gayle) Flohrs; nieces and nephews, Paris (Vicki) Wells, Shawn Wells, Bill Gilfillan, Michael Gilfillan Jr., Amber (Josh) Haseley, Michael (special friend, Sarah) Flohrs, Natalie (Wayne) Woolley, Tory (Delcy) Flohrs, and Tyler (Emily) Flohrs; special friends, Leigh Hunstad and Sanford Hansen; and other relatives and friends. Jon was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Bursch; infant son; parents, Morris and Clover (Hutchings) Gilfillan; brother, Michael Gilfillan; father-in-law, Vernon Flohrs; and brother-in-law, Jack Wells.



***Celebrating the Life of***

**Jon W. Gilfillan**

**May 19, 1942 - February 1, 2026**



### ***Miss You So Much***

Softly out of the shadows,  
There came a gentle call,  
You took the hand God  
offered you and quietly left us all.  
And although we cannot hold you,  
We will never let you go,  
Because in our hearts you  
Will live forever,  
Because we loved you so.



To view a recording of Jon's service, please follow this QR code or visit his obituary page at [www.sinnfuneralhome.com](http://www.sinnfuneralhome.com)



*In Loving Memory of*

# **Jon Gilfillan**

**May 19, 1942 - February 1, 2026**

### **Visitation**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Galena Township**

### **Celebration of Life Service**

**11:00 PM**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Galena Township**

### **Officiant**

**Pastor Logan Smith**

### **Musicians**

**Carole Harries**      *Organist*  
**Brian Langeland**      *Soloist*

### **Music**

**In the Garden**  
**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**  
**How Great Thou Art**  
**Abide With Me**

*Your kindness and concern have meant so very much and will always be remembered. Please accept this as our thank you.*

*The Family of  
Jon Gilfillan*

## Nunc Dimittis

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C: Lord now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

## Concluding Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

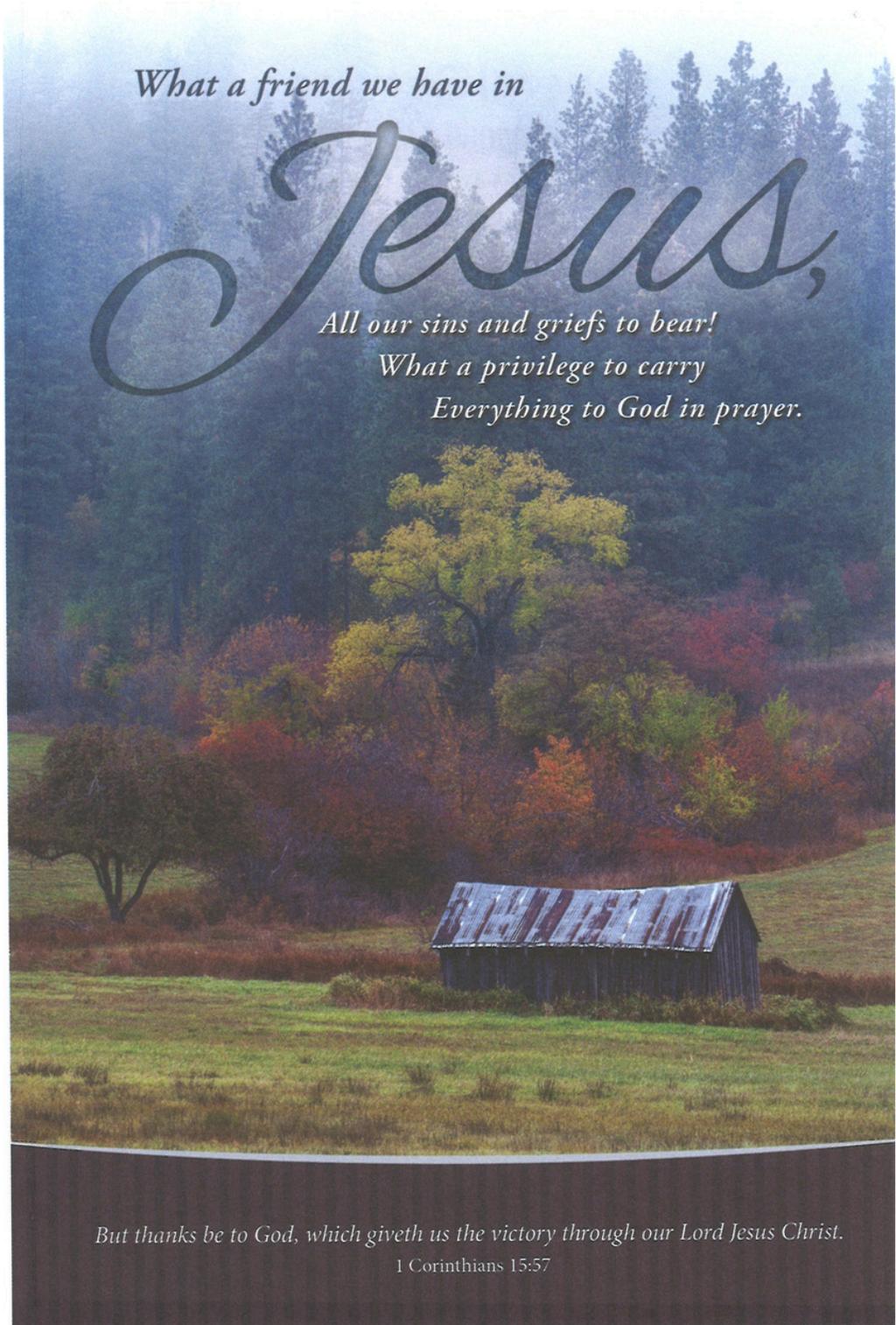
**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn of Departure *Abide With Me* #878

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*What a friend we have in*

*Jesus,*  
*All our sins and griefs to bear!*  
*What a privilege to carry*  
*Everything to God in prayer.*

*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:57

# Funeral Service

## Of Jon William Gilfillan

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 278ff*

Invocation (stand)

### Remembrance of Baptism

P: In Holy Baptism Jon was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like His.**

Entrance Hymn *In the Garden* (see insert)

### Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Old Testament (sit) **Isaiah 61:1-3, 10**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23 (antiphon v4a)

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

P: The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Verse

P: If we have died with Christ,  
we shall also live with Him;

**C: if we are faithful to the end,  
we shall reign with him.**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to...

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Hymn of the Day *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* **#461**

### Sermon

Hymn *How Great Thou Art* (sung by family)

### Prayer of the Church (stand)

P: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus  
from the dead.

*After each petition:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (see back cover of hymnal)