

Olive “Ollie” E. (Seydel) Volk, age 98, of rural Bingham Lake, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 6, 2026, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Lakefield, MN.

Olive Esther Volk, daughter of the late Gustav and Johanna (Stumpf) Seydel, was born at home in West Heron Lake Township near Okabena, Minnesota on October 4, 1927. Olive was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Ewington Township July 29, 1928, and was confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Okabena May 24, 1942. In June of 1946, she graduated from Okabena Public School. Olive married Bernard “Bud” Volk at Grace Lutheran Church in Worthington, Minnesota December 1, 1946. They made their home in Heron Lake until 1965, when they moved to Windom.

Olive loved to travel and visited all fifty states, except Hawaii. She baked bread and cookies for her family and spent a large portion of her summers canning fruits and vegetables to enjoy year-round. She liked to play cribbage and also had many outdoor interests. Ollie loved to feed and watch birds and other wildlife. She went fishing whenever she got the chance. She could fish for hours, even if the fish didn’t bite. She was known for her beautiful flowers and had Brenda transplant most of them when she moved to Brenda and Mike’s home in rural Bingham Lake in 2007 where she lived until January of last year.

Ollie loved being with people and worked as a waitress for many years. Children, she said, kept her young so her yard was often a playground for her visiting grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their neighborhood friends. Ollie retired in 1996 and spent her time visiting her children, playing bingo, fishing, and playing cribbage. When she couldn’t get around as well as she used to, she read books and magazines even more than she had before and was very appreciative of our local library. When she couldn’t travel to see them, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren often came to visit her. She looked forward to those visits immensely.

Left to treasure her memory are her children, **Roger (Judy) Volk**, **Lorraine Killian**, **Brian (Diane) Lorengo-Volk**, **Brenda (Michael) Renczykowski**, **Peggy (Doug) Wachal**; grandchildren, Russell Sr., Albert, Judith Lee, Crystal, Becky, Brian, Danny, Jason, James, Scott, Michele, Kimberley and Sarah; great-grandchildren, Russell Jr., Ryan, Samuel, Abigail, Gwyneth, Dean, Serena, Lance, Eilan, Blake, Faith, Kylee, Taylor, Kelsey, Sophia, Olivia, Nicolas, Ethan, Luke, Grace, Levi, Milo, Rayna, and Xadie; great-great-grandchildren, Carson, Olivia, Grace, Aiden, Waylon, and Oakley; nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law, Joyce Seydel and Marjorie (John) Grannis; and other relatives and friends.

Ollie was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard; her parents, Gustav and Johanna (Stumpf) Seydel; father-in-law, Max Volk; stepmother-in-law, Ethel Volk; and mother-in-law, Jesse Day Volk. Also going on ahead of her were her brothers and sisters and many of their spouses, Emilia Grages Law and Wilbert Grages and John Law; Hulda (Herman) Schmidt; Gustav (Mary Ann) Seydel; Roland Seydel; Cora (Kenneth) Buckwalter; Genevieve (Eugene) Lutz; Lester Seydel; Esther (Raymond) Busse; Franklin Seydel; and Virginia (Martin) Krause; sister-in-law, Dolores Becker. Also preceding her were Bernard’s siblings and spouses, Joyce (George) Benson, Maxine Volk, Robert (Annabel) Volk; step-sisters, Mildred (Clint) Hyde and Blanche (Andrew) Stiegelmeier; and several nieces and nephews have also preceded her in death.



In Loving Memory

Ollie E. Volk

October 4, 1927 — March 6, 2026

Celebrating the Life of

Ollie E. Volk

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Visitation

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Monday, March 16, 2026

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Windom, MN

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Windom, MN

Officiant

Pastor Paul Sajban

Musicians

Ruth Wohlfeil

Organist

Pastor Paul Sajban

Soloist

Special Music

Be Still My Soul

Congregational Music

Beautiful Savior

Amazing Grace

I Am But a Stranger Here

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Casket Bearers

Steven Busse

Kevin Busse

Joel Krause

Jerry Krause

Milo Wachal

Ethan Volk

Final Resting Place

Lakeside Cemetery - Heron Lake



Ollie's Confirmation Verse

*Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.*

-Psalm 37:5

If you would like to leave a message of sympathy for Ollie's family or view her service and tribute video you can do so by following this QR code or visiting www.sinnfuneralhome.com.



Closing Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB #490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!



Please join Olive's family for a luncheon and time of fellowship in the Church Fellowship Hall.
Burial Service will be after the meal at Lakeside Cemetery in Heron Lake.



*Those who have been ransomed by the
LORD...will enter Jerusalem singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.*

ISAIAH 35:10 (NLT)



A FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE VICTORY GIVEN TO

Olive Esther Volk

Born: October 4, 1927 in West Heron Lake Township, Okabena, Minnesota
Baptism: July 29, 1928 at Grace Lutheran Church, Ewington Township
Confirmation: May 24, 1942 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota
Gone to her heavenly home: March 6, 2026 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Lakefield, Minnesota
Confirmation Verse:

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.” Psalm 37:5

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

C: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN: “Beautiful Savior”

LSB #537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

PRAYERS

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

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord in Your mercy

C: hear our prayer

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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

C: Lord, now 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: Jesus assures us this day, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with certain hope of the Resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

Congregational Hymn: "Amazing Grace" LSB #744

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
2. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

PSALM: 105:1-5, 40-45 ANTIPHON VERSE 1

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

C: make known His deeds among the peoples!

P: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

C: tell of all His wondrous works!

P: Glory in His holy name;

C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD and His strength;

C: seek His presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

C: His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

P: They asked, and He brought quail,

C: and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

P: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

C: it flowed through the desert like a river.

P: For he remembered His holy promise,

C: and Abraham, His servant.

P: So He brought His people out with joy,

C: His chosen ones with singing.

P: And He gave them the lands of the nations,

C: and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

P: that they might keep His statutes

C: and observe His laws. Praise the LORD!

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

C: make known His deeds among the peoples!

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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:9-11, 31-39

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SOLO: "Be Still My Soul"

Soloist: Pastor Sajban

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 6:26-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen**

Hymn: "I'm But a Stranger Here"

- 1 I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.
- 2 What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.
- 3 Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

Message: "Think on Heaven"

KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving kindness to Olive and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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