



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Esther May Sleen

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, April 12, 2024 –2:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

## CLERGY

Pastor Eric Schwirian  
Allen Westby, S.A.M.

## REMEMBRANCES

### MUSIC

Organist-Vicki Johnson  
Pro. – “ *Beautiful Savior* ”

“ *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* ”  
Rec. – “ *How Great Thou Art* ”

Soloist - Julie Brenden  
“ *In The Garden* ”

“ *Jesus Loves Me & Oh, How He Love You And Me* ” Medley

### PALLBEARERS

Joe Bratvold, Jonathon Bratvold, Kevin Brenden  
Lynn Brenden, Rick Haugrud, Jay Schuman

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Esther’s Nieces and Nephews

### FINAL RESTING PLACE

Ringsaker Cemetery  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Esther’s family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've savored much

Good friends, good times,

*a loved one's touch*

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me

God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

## **REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...**

Esther Sleen, age 95, a resident of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, died on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Pelican Valley Senior Living, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.



Esther May Ellingson was born on March 7, 1929, in Bradford Township, rural Doran, MN, the daughter of John and Mabel (Shelstad) Ellingson. She was baptized and confirmed at the Vukku Lutheran Church in rural Doran. Esther attended rural school district #16 in Wilkin County and continued her education at Campbell High School, graduating in 1947. She attended one year of Teacher's Training in Fergus Falls and continued her education at Moorhead State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. On June 29, 1968, Esther

married Ardean Sleen at Vukku Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Pelican Rapids. Esther taught several years in a rural school, then Luverne, MN, Albert Lea, MN, and taught in the Pelican Rapids Public School after her marriage until retiring in 1989.

Esther was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids. She was active in Circle and had taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and served on several committees. Esther did volunteer work in school and the community.

Esther enjoyed music, flower gardens, and Creative Memories scrap booking. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Norway, Hawaii and Alaska.

Esther is survived by her brother-in-law, Eldon Brenden of Rothsay, MN; 4 nieces: Jan (Rick) Haugrud, Kari (Jay) Schuman, Karen (Larry) Paulson, and Carolyn (Loren) Lemman; 3 nephews: Joe (Ann) Bratvold, Kevin (Julie) Brenden, and Lynn (Faye) Brenden, and Barb Bratvold (Mark's wife); and many great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ardean; sisters: Marilyn Brenden and Margaret Bratvold; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Bratvold; nephew Mark Bratvold.

***Blessed Be The Memory Of Esther May Sleen***



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