

Gladys M. Fenske (Smith), age 79 of Ottertail, MN, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at Perham Living.

She was born on November 20, 1945 in Eagle Bend, MN to Leslie and Edna (Miller) Smith. After completing her general education, Gladys attended school at Wadena Tech with a focus on accounting and bookkeeping.

Gladys spent four years working as a bookkeeper for the Northern Co-op. It was here she met her future husband, Orville Fenske, while he was delivering feed to the Co-op. The couple were united in marriage on November 15, 1969 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ottertail. After their marriage, Gladys then began working on the family farm, often taking over milking duties for Orville when he was called out for the Ottertail Fire Department. She also enjoyed tending to her flower gardens when she was able, and spending time with her family and friends.

Surviving Gladys are her husband, Orville; son, Brian Fenske; and sisters, Judy Van Hee and LaVonne Hansen. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Michelle Fenske; son, Terry Fenske; sister, Betty Jewell; brother, Herbert Smith; and brothers-in-law, Ed Hansen, Greg Van Hee, and Calvin Jewell.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Gladys Mae Fenske

November 20, 1945 - September 9, 2025

The LORD is my *Shepherd*;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Memorial Service

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Ottertail, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Karl Weber

Musician

Mary Weber

Musical Selections

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

"How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Revelation 7:9-17

John 11: 21-27

Urn Bearer

Randy Hansen

Interment

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Ottertail, Minnesota