

Janice Kareen Ness was born to Lawrence and Karen (Kelsven) Sorum on February 18, 1939 in Pelican Rapids, MN. She graduated from Pelican Rapids High School where she participated in Band (drums), Choir, Shada (school yearbook). After graduation, she attended Interstate Business College in Fargo, ND and worked as a bookkeeper.

She met the love of her life at a roller-skating rink. That night her future husband went home and told his mother he had met the woman he was going to marry. During their courtship, they loved to go dancing with their friends. Janice married Arnold Jerome Ness on March 21, 1959 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids. They made their home on the Ness family farm milking cows and working the land for many years. As a farm wife, she served coffee, treats, and meals to whoever drove up the driveway to visit. Everyone was welcome into her home and those who came went home feeling blessed (and full)!

An avid seamstress, she made many outfits for her family, and sewed many quilts over her lifetime. She shared her love for sewing with her kids, grandkids and many of the neighbors. She also was active in the Red Hatters, golfed, and spent many years bowling.

She enjoyed serving God. She was active in North Immanuel's Cradle Roll, Ladies' Aide (President), teaching Sunday School and Bible School, and mentoring kids involved in catechism. She performed with a local clown ministry group, sometimes dressing her grandkids as clowns to be part of the act! She was a role model for many with her unflinching faith. She and Arnie would say the Lord's Prayer together every night before they went to bed. Once he passed, Tessy would call her every night to continue this tradition (with others joining in when they could).

She enjoyed spending time at the family cabin previously on Lake Lizzie and now Lake Lida. She loved pontoon rides, fishing, playing cards, and spending quality time with family.

Janice is survived by her four children: Karie (Joe) Pearce, of Maple Grove, MN; Brenda (Kevin) Van Holland, of Sioux Falls, SD; Teresa Ness of Moorhead, MN; and Paul (Debbie) Ness, of Battle Lake, MN; eight grand children: Vanessa Pearce (Chance Carnes), Alicia (Mark) Flicker, Brooke (Damon) Andrews, Brady (Amanda) Van Holland, Cody (Kristina) Van Holland, Dawson (Natasha) Ness, Morgan (Isaac) Daniels, Madison Ness and her fiancé Daniel Erickson; seven great grand-children: Reese Andrews, Teigen Van Holland, Ryan Andrews, Jaxson Flicker, Taytum Van Holland, Rylee Flicker, Viviana VanHolland, and Tenlee Van Holland; Sisters: Joann Meyer of Dent, MN; and Linda Weiss of Little Falls, MN; Sister-in-laws: Julie Couture of Mesa, Az and Arlene Tweeton of Moorhead, MN. Also surviving Janice are nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Arnie; her parents Lawrence and Karen Sorum; her husband's parents Norman and Evelyn Ness; her brothers: Harold Sorum and Lawrence "Bucky" Sorum; her In-laws: Leon Tweeton, Roger and Delores Gilbertson, Charles Meyer, Jack Couture, Kenny and Paulette Ness, and Jim Weiss.

Janice Kareen Ness passed away on Tuesday, April 29, at the Pelican Valley Nursing Home at the age of 86 years, 2 months, and 11 days. In her own words, she would want us to "live life to our fullest, don't hold a grudge, always keep faith in God and say your prayers".

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Janice Kareen Ness



February 18
1939



April 29
2025



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

- Hebrews 13: 1-2



IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Janice Kareen Ness*

VISITATION

Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 5pm
Larson Funeral Home Pelican Rapids

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 9, 2025 - 11am
North Immanuel Lutheran Church
Officiated by Pastor Roger Michaelson

MUSICAL SELECTION

"In The Garden"
"I Can Only Imagine"
"The Lord's Prayer"
"Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone"

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES

Psalm 23
Hebrews 13: 1-2
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9

INTERMENT

Friday, May 9, 2025 - 12 pm
North Immanuel West Lutheran Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Rob Gilbertson	Shawn Gruenberg
Chris Meyer	Tom Meyer
Dawson Ness	Jerry Ness
Brady Van Holland	Cody Van Holland

A time of food and fellowship at North Immanuel Lutheran Church will immediately follow the graveside service.
All attendees are invited and encouraged to attend!