

Lucille A. “Tootie” (Evers-Karschnik) Bennett, age 91, of Mountain Lake, MN, and formerly of Windom, passed away on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mountain Lake.

Lucille was born on March 10, 1935, to Bert and Aleide (Junker) Evers, at their home in Brown County near Sanborn, Minnesota. She graduated from Comfrey High School in 1952. Lucille was united in marriage to Alvin Karschnik in 1956, and together they were blessed with three children, Jeff, Steven, and Kurt. Alvin passed away on November 12, 2000. Lucille later married Wayne Bennett in 2003, and Wayne passed away on January 25, 2020.

Lucille's favorite memories were the births of her boys, the joy of raising them, and later the time she got to spend with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She worked at the Manor Inn for over 30 years, starting when her boys were in high school. She became known there as "the pie lady," and her pies were famous enough that people would decide whether to eat there based on whether or not she was working.

Lucille was neat, stubborn, and a hard worker. She was loving, steady, strong, and well liked, and never said a disparaging word about anybody. She saw the good in everyone. Lucille was always tidying up, whether it was emptying Alvin's ashtray the moment a cigarette ash fell, straightening the dishes at a restaurant table, or fixing the doilies in her room in her final days at Good Samaritan. She collected knick knacks, especially doilies and figurines, and cooking for others was one of her love languages.

Lucille stayed young at heart to the end, often referring to fellow residents at the nursing home as "that old man," even ones 15 years younger than her. She faced Parkinson's in her final years and remained strong through all of it.

Lucille will forever be remembered by her three sons, Jeff Karschnik, Steven (Ingrid Peyrefitte) Karschnik, and Kurt (Jude) Karschnik; grandchildren, Joley, Stephanie, Crystal, Matt, Jed, Dillon, Noah; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Darnell, Wyatt, Sarah, Haylie, Chelsea, Jonathan, Ella, and Mina; great-great-grandchildren, Walker, Waylon, August, and Maven; sister-in-law, Helen Evers; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Lucille was preceded in death by her first husband, Alvin Karschnik; second husband, Wayne Bennett; daughter-in-law, Marti Karschnik; parents, Bert and Aleide (Junker) Evers; siblings, Arlene (Earl) Karschnik, Ruth (Denny) Bernloehr, Lester Evers, and Larry (Terry) Evers; and other relatives and friends.



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



Celebrating the Life of

Lucille “Tootie” Bennett

March 10, 1935 — August 17, 2026



A Little While

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,
 But remember me in every tomorrow...
 Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,
 I've only gone to rest a little while.
 Although my leaving causes pain and grief
 My going has eased my hurt
 And given me relief.
 So dry your eyes and remember me,
 Not as I am now, but as I used to be.
 Because I will remember you all
 And look on with a smile.
 Understand in your hearts
 I've only gone to rest a little while.



Carried by the Wind

A uniqueness that could only come from a Creator's touch,
 A life lived with simplicity of purpose and unyielding strength,
 From moment to moment, all of life's needs
 were met with a peace that surpasses all understanding,
 And now to the heavens, A life rises up like a leaf carried by the wind...

Celebrating the Life of **Lucille "Tootie" Bennett** March 10, 1935 — August 17, 2026

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM
 Saturday, August 22, 2026
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 Mountain Lake, MN

Officiant

Rev. Rick Bremseth

Musician

Misty Karschnik

Music

Ol' Rugged Cross
 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 One Day at a Time

Casket Bearers

Jerome Thedans	Lisa Thedans
Matt Karschnik	Jed Karschnik
Noah Karschnik	Dillon Karschnik
Darnell Taylor-Breck	Dale Evers
Bruce Kenzie	

Honorary Casket Bearers

Great-Grandchildren
 Great-Great-Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Mountain Lake City Cemetery
 Mountain Lake, MN

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Please accept this as our note of thanks.

The Family of Lucille "Tootie" Bennett