



*To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy just because I am out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and he said, "I welcome you. Its good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.*

*I need you here so badly, you are part of my plan. There is so much that we can do, to help our mortal man".*

*God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.  
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.  
And when you lie in bed at night the days chores put to flight.  
God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.*

*When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years.  
Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.  
But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.  
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.  
I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.  
But if I were to tell you , you wouldn't understand.  
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over.  
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.*

*There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;  
but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.  
It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too;  
that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.  
If you can help somebody who is in sorrow and pain;  
then you can say to God at night....My day was not in vain.*

*And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile.  
Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile.  
So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low;  
just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go.  
When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind;  
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*And when its time for you to go...from that body to be free.  
Remember you're not going...you're coming here to me.*

*Author: Ruth Ann Mahaffey*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Arlis Berdine Ellingson*

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, April 18, 2023-2:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

## **CLERGY**

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

## **MUSIC**

Organist-Vicki Johnson  
– Congregational Hymns –  
“Lift High The Cross”  
“Beautiful Savior”

Trinity Church Choir  
“Borning Cry”  
Leading “The Lord’s Prayer”

Pianist/Soloist-Vicki Johnson  
“Because He Lives”

## **PALLBEARERS**

Mark Grefsrud, Mark Hagen, Steve Huseby  
John Nordstrom, Larry Olson, Mervin Olson

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Darren Olson, Brian Olson, Chris Olson

## **INTERMENT**

Ringsaker Cemetery  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

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

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

Arlis Berdine Olson was born March 3, 1939, at her parents' home in Maplewood Township, near Pelican Rapids, the daughter of Ernest M. and Marian (Toso) Olson. Arlis was baptized at South Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Rothsay, MN and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids. She attended first through third grade at Sand Lake District 217 country school. Then she attended school in Pelican Rapids, graduating from Pelican Rapids High School in 1957.

On September 5, 1959, Arlis was united in marriage to Rodney Ellingson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids. Rodney and Arlis lived in the Pelican Rapids area except for October 1961 to March 1962 when they lived in Seattle, Washington. She began work in 1957 at Korda Clinic, Pelican Rapids until 1981. Then Arlis worked part-time at Wynnes' Nook Dress shop for a short time, then she worked as secretary at Trinity Lutheran Church from 1981 to 2009.

Arlis was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was active in the choir, circle, WELCA, Sunday School Teacher, Secretary of the Parish Planning Council and served on various boards. She enjoyed reading, knitting prayer shawls for ministry, genealogy, cooking, and baking. Most of all, Arlis enjoyed spending time with family.

Arlis Ellingson, 84, a resident of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, died on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at her home with her loving family by her side.

Arlis is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Rodney of Pelican Rapids; son, Jeffrey (Ronda) Ellingson of Pelican Rapids; 2 sisters-in-law: Mary Olson and Shirley (Huseby) Ralston, both of Pelican Rapids; numerous nieces and nephews; and many cousins and friends.

Arlis was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Gary Olson; 2 brothers-in-law: Donald (Marilyn) Ellingson and Leo (Martha) Ellingson.

### ***Blessed Be The Memory Of Arlis Berdine Ellingson***

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#### ***After Glow***

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done. I'd*

*like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

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