

## I Love To Live

One day, dear Lord, I was 80, I was traveling and having fun,

I hope it was alright with you, I lived 'til 81.

But then I hadn't finished all things I wanted to,  
Thank you, Lord, for letting me stay until I was 82.

So many places I want to go, so very much to see,  
I'm so glad you could manage to let me make it to 83.

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,

I'm really very fortunate to have lived 'til I was 84.

All year long I'm hiking trails because I'm still alive,  
I think if it's alright with you, dear Lord, I'll stay 'til 85!

More planes will be up in the air, which one will I pick?

To see what happens to the world when I turn 86,

I've been told, dear Lord, it's very nice in heaven

But if it's all the same to you, I'll stay until I'm 87.

I'm slowing down, I'm not too fast and sometimes I'll be late,

But everything is so pleasant I'm going to stay 'til I'm 88.

I will get to see so many things and have a wonderful time.

So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to stay until age 89

Just one more thing I'd like to say, thank you very kindly,

But if it's all the same to You, I'm going to live past 90.

I've got my list of projects that I have not got done.

Just to let you know, dear Lord, I need to live until I'm 91.

I'm busy with yoyo's and hardanger, just to name a few

I know I won't be ready, so I have to live until I'm 92.

The days of my life are getting shorter as you can plainly see

But I'm still determined to make it to 93.

All the memories of my life are as vivid as before,

I was really looking forward, dear Lord, to making 94.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *LaVerne Ione Colness*

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Saturday, December 3, 2022

11:00 a.m.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Rural Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

## **CLERGY**

Pastor Isaiah Bai

## **MUSIC**

Organist-Bonnie Harry

– Congregational Hymns –

“Amazing Grace”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“In The Garden”

“How Great Thou Art”

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

## **PALLBEARERS**

Greg Klabunde, Scott Mannstedt

Lance Thompson, Brandon Thompson

Jason Thompson, Trevor Thompson

## **INTERMENT**

North Immanuel Cemetery

Rural Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

LaVerne'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.



Arrangements by

*Larson Funeral Home*

304 3rd Street S.E., Pelican Rapids, Minnesota



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

**LaVerne was born November 29, 1928, in Fargo, ND, to Lester and Ellen (Pearson) Thompson. She grew up and attended schools in the Campbell-Tintah area. In 1946 she graduated from Tintah High School as Valedictorian. In the summer of 1946, she spent 8 weeks attending summer school at Minot, ND with her aunt Anna Fish and cousins Elois Fish and Doris Fish. In September of 1946, at the age of 17, she began teaching in a rural school. She taught 10 years in rural schools, 1 year in ND and 9 years in MN.**

**On June 5, 1953, LaVerne married Marvin Colness at North Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. She and Marvin moved to Silver Bay, MN. LaVerne graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from UMD in Duluth, MN in 1957. Then became an elementary teacher in Lake Country School District in Silver Bay, Minnesota for 39 years.**

**She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa (women teachers), MEA-Minnesota Education Association, Sons of Norway, American Legion Auxiliary, University of Minnesota Foundation, and North Immanuel Lutheran Church.**

**LaVerne loved to travel and took many trips to various countries with her husband Marvin. They were also very good dancers and would go to dance/polka festivals throughout the United States.**

**LaVerne was always working on some type of craft project. Hardanger was one of the skills she mastered and had made many beautiful wall hangings, doilies and one tablecloth that took years to complete. One of her last endeavors was making yoyo's and then sewing them together in various shapes.**

**LaVerne Ione (Thompson) Colness, age 93, of Sedona, Arizona, died Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at Pioneer Care Center, Fergus Falls, Minnesota.**

**LaVerne is survived by sisters: Corrine Klabunde, Dent, MN, Arlene (Darrell) Costain, West Fargo, ND; brother Lanny Thompson, Minnetonka, MN; sister-in-law Kim Thompson, Brooklyn Park, MN; godchild and niece Terri Anderson, many other nieces and nephews, a niece Marjorie Huseby on the Colness side of the family and another godchild Angela Sipila, Britt, MN.**

**She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin, brother Loren Thompson, and sister-in-law Diane Thompson.**

***Blessed Be The Memory Of LaVerne Ione Colness***

