

Janet Marilyn Raske was born on July 21, 1941, in Hendricks, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Lester and Janette (Thompson) Raske. Janet grew up in White, South Dakota, where she was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church. She attended school in White until her senior year when she transferred to Slayton, Minnesota, to live with her sister. She graduated in 1959 and worked at a local pharmacy while also singing and performing at local supper clubs with her sister.

Relocating to Minnesota resulted in her meeting Mr. Lee Leysen. Lee and Janet married on February 23, 1963, at the Tracy United Methodist Church. Janet and Lee made their home in Watertown, South Dakota, where she worked at the local bank before they moved to Elkton, South Dakota in 1965. Janet worked as a teacher's aide and also stayed home, loving on her children as a homemaker and mother. In 1986 the family moved to Tracy, Minnesota, where Janet found work with Medtronic prior to her retirement. In the spring of 2015, Janet and Lee moved to their current home in Lynd, Minnesota.

Janet was a member of the Currie Presbyterian Church prior to her membership at Victory Church in Balaton, Minnesota. Janet was a woman who demonstrated her faith to family and friends. She had strong conservative values and was incredibly supportive to her family, especially when she became "Grandma Jan". Janet enjoyed playing games and doing puzzles with her grandkids. Janet had an ability to put others before herself and always made you feel welcome in her home. In her early years, she enjoyed singing with her sister Connie and dancing with Lee at local dances. As she aged, she was content with word finds and weekly trips to church and Walmart.

Janet Leysen died on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at her home with family by her side. She had reached the age of 81 years, 9 months, and 1 day. Blessed be her memory.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Leysen of Lynd; 2 children, Monty (and Angela) Leysen of Russell, Mindy (and Brian) Knochenmus of Lynd; 14 grandchildren, Hunter Retzlaff, Logan (and Kevin) Blanksma, Jersey Leysen, Kenzie Fischer, Mauer Leysen, Gavin Fischer, Journey Leysen, Olivia (and Matthew) Cherry, Odessa Knochenmus, Owen Knochenmus, Oakley Knochenmus, Osiah Knochenmus, Ora Knochenmus, Ozak Knochenmus; 5 great-grandchildren, Collins Blanksma, Henlee Blanksma, Brooks Blanksma, Elliae Cherry, Edison Cherry; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Janette Raske; an infant son; brother, Clifford Raske; and a sister, Connie Holstein.



Janet's Page
Available Here:



Janet's family wishes to thank you for your sympathy.

We greatly appreciate all your kind words, texts, food, memorials, generous donations of your time and the beautiful floral arrangements we received.

Your support and expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.

In Loving Memory Janet Leysen

July 21, 1941 ~ April 22, 2023



Celebrating the Life of

Janet Marilyn Leysen

Age: 81 years • 9 months • 1 day



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

~ 1 Peter 1:3 & 9

- Memorial Service -

11:00 a.m. • Friday, April 28, 2023

Victory Christian Church • Balaton, Minnesota

Pastor Mike Nelson, officiant

Brian Knochenmus • Matthew & Olivia Cherry, praise team

- Service Music -

Because He Lives

Doxology / I Exalt Thee

Great Are You Lord

It Matters to Him About You

- Urn Bearers -

Hunter Retzlaff • Kevin Blanksma

Mauer Leysen • Gavin Fischer • Matthew Cherry

Owen Knochenmus • Oakley Knochenmus

Osiah Knochenmus • Ozak Knochenmus

- Interment -

Memorial Gardens Cemetery • Slayton, Minnesota

