

*Remembered  
in  
Love*



# *A Service To Remember*

## *Jo Ann Salek*

*Born: January 7, 1936*

*Married: 1960*

*Died: September 30, 2024*

### *Survived by:*

*Husband – Len*

*Daughter – Jan (Steve) Anderson*

*Daughter – Jodee (Steve) Pegelow*

*Son – David Salek*

*Brother – LeRoy (Charlotte) Vitek*

*Brother – Donald Vitek*

*Brother – Duane (Sharon) Vitek*

*Brother – Martin (Donna Burns) Vitek*

*Brother – Kenny (Vicki) Vitek*

*Sister – Marlene (Dan) Salek*

*Sister – Cheryl (John Hohenstein) Mesko*

*Son-in-law – Alan Konetzki*

### *Grandchildren*

*Thomas Pullman*

*Tobyn (Chelsey) Pullman*

*Maxwell Konetzki*

*Stanton Konetzki*

*Wesley Anderson*

*Erin Anderson*

*Josie Salek*

*Great-Grandchildren*

*Takodah Pullman*

*Rylen Pullman*

*Oliver Pullman*

*May Belle Pullman*

*Myles Salek*

*Preceded in Death by:*

*Parents- Joseph & Mildred (nee Tobin) Vitek*

*Daughter – Elle "Cindy" Konetzki*

*Daughter – Ruth Salek*

*Son – Joseph Salek*

*Brother – Gary Vitek*

*Brother – Dennis Vitek*

*Sister – Dawn Rikkola*

*Sister-in-law – Monica Vitek*

*Sister-in-law – Delores Vitek*

*Sister-in-law – Ruth Salek*

*Date: October 12, 2024*

*Officiant: Pastor Traci Maass*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Gathering Hymn      “Amazing Grace”

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the God and Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Jo Ann was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**C: We glorify you.**

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**C: We praise you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**C: We worship you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

**Welcome and Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Jo Ann. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;

time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones  
together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **Psalm**

### **Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup>The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Sermon**

**Pastor Traci Maass**

**Hymn**

**“Old Rugged Cross”**

**Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the**

**Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*To each petition the assembly responds;*

**P:** God of mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

### Commendation

P: Let us commend Jo Ann to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Jo Ann. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: **Amen.**

### Hymn

#### **“How Great Thou Art”**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Jo Ann Salek Obituary



Jo Ann C Salek (nee Vitek), passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024, with her family by her side.

Jo Ann was born on January 7, 1936, in Highbridge, Wisconsin, to the late Joseph and Mildred (nee Tobin) Vitek. She was the second oldest of eleven children. Jo Ann and her siblings made the proverbial trek to and from home to attend the one room elementary school and then the high school in Mellen. She put herself through teacher's college and taught the elementary grades for 5 years in Phillips, Wisconsin. When Jo Ann married in 1960, she took a break from teaching to help her husband, Leonard ("Len/Lennie") on the Salek Dairy farm. In September 1970, Jo Ann and Len moved their young family to Catawba, Wisconsin. While raising her family, Jo Ann was involved in several rural community organizations, elected to the church council, and participated in certain church circles. Before leaving Price County, Jo Ann briefly returned to the teaching field as a Head Start Director in Prentice, Wisconsin.

In 1989, Jo Ann and Len moved to the Fond du Lac area, where she continued to serve and mentor in early childhood learning programs for various daycare businesses (such as, the Kohler Company and then at Quad Graphics) before she retired in 2003. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing the daily development of all the youngsters that were in her tender loving care.

No matter what age or status in life, Jo Ann always believed it was better to share and encourage one's knowledge of the world and of their community. She continued that philosophy when she became a resident at Crossroads Care Center in Mayville in 2016. Along with her fellow residents, she participated in a variety of programs offered at Crossroads. She loved to read, cross stitch, paint, garden, and listen to music and other programs on the radio. Jo Ann was a person of generous spirit and will be missed by all that knew her.

Those left to cherish Jo Ann's memory include her beloved husband and faithful friend of 64 years, Len; three children, Jan (Steve) Anderson of West Allis, David Salek of Racine, and Jodee (Steve)

Pegelow of Juneau; seven grandchildren, Thomas Pullman, Tobyn (Chelsey) Pullman, Maxwell Konetzki, Stanton Konetzki, Wesley Anderson, Erin Anderson, and Josie Salek; five great-grandchildren, Takodah Pullman, Rylen Pullman, Oliver Pullman, May Belle Pullman, and Myles Salek; five brothers, LeRoy (Charlotte) Vitek, Donald Vitek, Duane (Sharon) Vitek, and

Martin (Donna Burns) Vitek, and Kenny (Vicki) Vitek; two sisters, Marlene (Dan) Salek and Cheryl (John Hohenstein) Mesko; son-in-law Alan Konetzki, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Jo Ann is preceded in death by three children, Elle "Cindy" Konetzki, Ruth Salek, and Joseph Salek; two brothers, Gary Vitek and Dennis Vitek; sister, Dawn Rikkola; three sister-in laws, Monica Vitek, Delores Vitek and Ruth Salek.

VISITATION: Jo Ann's family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Myrhum — Patten Funeral & Cremation Service, 15 S. Walnut Street, Mayville, from 11:00 a.m., until 1:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Memorial Service for Jo Ann will follow visitation on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 1p.m. with Pastor Traci Maass of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating the service.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of your choice or donations to National Public Radio or Milwaukee Public Television appreciated.

The family would like to thank the caring staff of Crossroads Care Center in Mayville, SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital, Froedtert West Bend Hospital, and Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care for their support.

Myrhum - Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Jo Ann's arrangements. Additional information and guest book can be found at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
16 S. Walnut St.  
Mayville, WI 53050**

