

# *Celebrating the Life of*

Evelyn Jeanette Somerville was born on April 3, 1934, in Bismark, North Dakota, the daughter of Engwald and Olga (Giske) Jacobson. She grew up in South Dakota and at an early age, the family moved to a farm North of Willmar (near Lake Florida Sloughs). She received her education in a country schoolhouse. She left home at age 14 and began working at the Bethesda Children Home across from the Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. She later worked for the Hultgren family and other area families with housekeeping duties. Evelyn met the love of her life, William “Bill” Somerville when crossing the street in downtown Willmar. Bill was stopped at a red light, while Evelyn walked across the same street, her purse opened up. Bill got out of the car to help her pick up the items from her purse, and the rest is history. They were married on November 24, 1952, and made their home on a farm near Raymond.

Evelyn was an active member of the Raymond Methodist Church and served in numerous organizations. She was very patriotic and was also active with the Willmar American Legion Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans. She founded the Woods Township Community fund and was active with her “neighborhood club”. Evelyn enjoyed puzzles, embroidery, needlework, gardening vegetables, and growing flowers. Evelyn also enjoyed family events and was always happy when people stopped by.

Evelyn will be best remembered for having a determined mindset, being kindhearted and compassionate towards others. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her five children, Donna (and Bill) Barbknecht of Battle Lake, Robert (and Rachelle) Somerville of Willmar, Jerry (and Carol) Somerville of Raymond, Nancy Hansmeier of Phoenix, AZ., and Kelly (and Lori) Somerville of Raymond; seventeen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and one sister, Selma Reishel of Waite Park, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill in 2017; and one sister, Josephine Aarfor of Lidgerwood, South Dakota.



## *Evelyn J. Somerville*

*1934 — 2025*

## *Twenty-Third Psalm*

*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 and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.*

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"*

In Loving Memory Of

# *Evelyn J. Somerville*

April 3, 1934  
Bismark, North Dakota

December 30, 2025  
Willmar, Minnesota

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Friday, January 9, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Raymond Methodist Church  
Raymond, Minnesota

Prelude Jayne Asche  
Opening Song - "One Day At A Time" (Handout)  
Welcome & Prayer  
Gospel Reading John 14:1-6  
New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-5  
Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:22-26, Psalm 23 & Psalm 139:1-10  
Song - "In the Garden" #314  
Meditation Rev. Art Miller  
Family Remembrances  
Song - "The Old Rugged Cross" #504  
Prayer  
Commendation  
Song - "Amazing Grace" #378 (vs 1-3,6)  
Benediction  
Table Grace  
Special Music Selection - "Side By Side" Kay Starr (cd)  
Recessional

### **Casketbearers**

Mark Arends    Dan Hansmeier    Scott Somerville  
Blake Schoolmeester    Cody Somerville  
Justin Ascheman    Chase Arends

### **Interment**

Fairview Cemetery  
Raymond, Minnesota