

Janice was born on October 9, 1940, in Fairmount, ND, to Harold and Adeline (Gelle) Hoefs. Janice grew up with her three brothers in Fairmount and graduated from high school in 1958. She attended what was then called the North Dakota State School of Science and began working as a teller at the Wahpeton National Bank, spending her entire career there and eventually retiring as a personal banker when it was Community First Bank. She loved working with people and took great care to remember personal details of her clients at the bank, even memorizing their account numbers in case they came in without them.

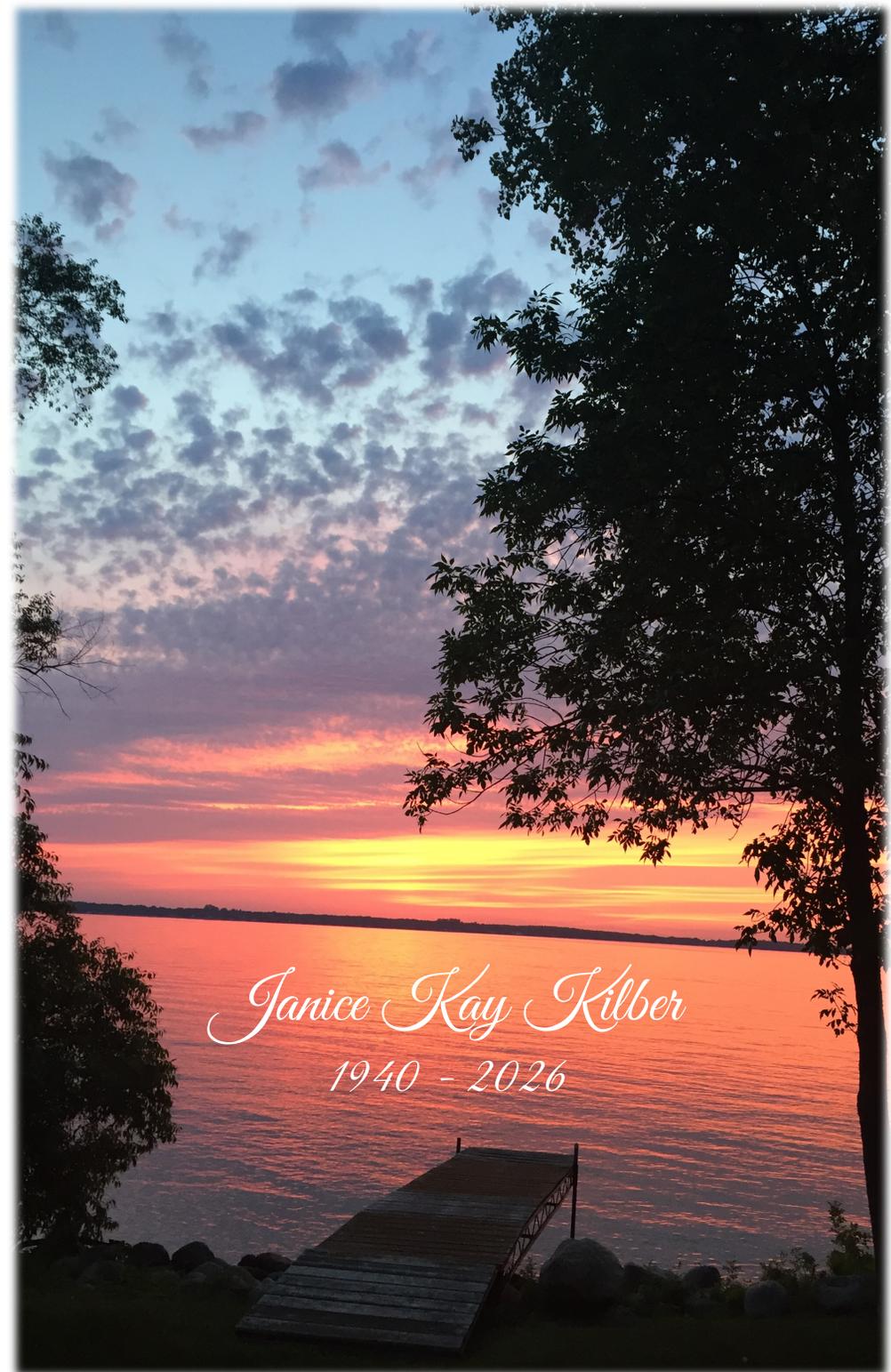
Janice first met her future husband at the bank. After she told him she couldn't go out with him because she had just washed her hair and didn't have a hair dryer, he bought her a fancy one, and as they say, the rest is history. She married Arlo Kilber of Roscoe, SD, on August 22, 1965; they had two daughters and just celebrated 60 years together this past summer. Their two grandchildren became one of her greatest joys, and she treasured every laugh, hug, and memory with them. Janny Kay, as she was known to those close to her, made life-long friendships and focused on caring for her family. Her mother dying when she was only nine years old shaped her very attentive, caring approach to motherhood. To keep her family close, she and Arlo welcomed her father and maternal grandmother into their home for over 20 years.

Janice was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton, singing in the church choir for many years. She was an avid bowler, spending over 40 years with the same team at Terrace Lanes. She treasured her friendship with her teammates, enjoyed their bowling trips, and was proud of her 300 pin. Her brothers and husband turned her into an avid baseball fan who followed the Twins.

In retirement, Janice and Arlo spent time at their lake home on Otter Tail Lake and traveled the US, spending much of their time in Phoenix and San Diego with their children and grandchildren. Janice was a kind and thoughtful woman with a warm smile and infectious laugh who made life fun. As her daughters say, if everyone had a mother like ours, the world would be a better place. She will be greatly missed.

Janice is survived by her husband, Arlo Kilber, daughter Tracy, daughter and son-in-law Kerry and Carl Rebman, two grandchildren, Jackson and Savannah Rebman, two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Maxine Hoefs and Dennis and Sharon Hoefs, and in-laws Ramona Voegele, Jean Voegele, Bob and Berneice Kilber, Donna and Marv Schreck, Delbert and Melanie Kilber, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Adeline Hoefs, her grandparents, John and Lillie Gelle, and George and Mary Hoefs, her brother Eugene Hoefs and his wife, Lois Hoefs, her in-laws Lester and Lenora Kilber, Calvin and Ardella Kilber, Donald Voegele, and Bert Voegele, and her nephews Corey Hoefs and Randel Hoefs. ❤️





The 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 for ever.



In Loving Memory of

Janice Kay Kilber



Born

October 9, 1940 | Fairmount, North Dakota

Passed Away

January 15, 2026 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

85 Years | 3 Months | 6 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Bethel Lutheran Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Amy Eisenmann

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Soloist

Keath Borchert
"Beautiful Savior, Abide With Me"

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art"
"Borning Cry"
"Amazing Grace"

Interment at a Later Date

Fairview Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota