

Celebrating the Life of

Beatrice Marian Heike was born on April 27, 1927, in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of Bernt and Palma (Lueken) Balke. She grew up on a farm east of Eagle Lake, was baptized and confirmed at Vinje Lutheran Church and attended country school District #60. At the age of 16, she moved into Willmar and began working at Town Talk Cafe, Willmar Cookie Company and Juba's Super Valu for many years. On November 9, 1946, Beatrice was united in marriage to William "Bill" Heike. This union was blessed with three daughters, Audrey, Darleen and Arlys. Beatrice was a life-long member of Vinje Lutheran Church and was active with the holiday fair and serving groups. She was also a member of the Willmar Senior Citizens.

Beatrice passed away Friday, October 10, at Vista Prairie at Copperleaf at the age of 98.

She is survived by one daughter, Arlys (and Doug) Gronli of Spicer; one son-in-law, Roger Manthey of Buffalo; seven grandchildren, David (and Chanda) Lankey, Michelle (and Daniel) Strese, Michael (and Jackie) Manthey, Erik (and Kristen) Manthey, Jesse Manthey, Terresa (and Jason) Kuboushek and Julie Gronli; eleven great grandchildren, Amber Lankey, McKenna and Chase Manthey, Mason and Gabriella Manthey, Emma, Abigail, Noah and Jonah Kuboushek and Sara and Kate Trcka, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William "Bill" in 2018; two daughters, Audrey Lankey and Darleen Manthey, and a grandson, Aaron Lankey.



Beatrice M. Heike

1927 — 2025

FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you only see one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

-Mary Stevenson

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Beatrice M. Heike

April 27, 1927

Willmar, Minnesota

October 10, 2025

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Andres Albertsen

Music

Organist: Tim Burns

Vocalists: Emma Kuboushek Abby Kuboushek

Sara Trcka Kate Trcka

Casketbearers

David Lankey Michael Manthey Erik Manthey

Jesse Manthey Daniel Strese Jason Kuboushek

Interment

Cloverleaf Memorial Park Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota