

**Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn
Some things,
But never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker;
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.**

- Author Unknown

I N L O V I N G
Memory



Janet Vander Plaats

February 25, 1929 - March 31, 2025

Janet Mae VanderPlaats was born on February 25, 1929 to Fred and Laura (Foley) Wollmuth on the family farm in Gray Township, Pipestone County, Minnesota. At the age of 10 her family moved to Hatfield, Minnesota. She attended and graduated from Pipestone High School. During her high school years, she worked at the Hollyhock Ballroom in Hatfield as a waitress; it was there that she met her future husband, Gerald VanderPlaats. The two were united in marriage on November 23, 1946 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. In 1956, Janet was sworn in as the Postmaster of Hatfield until 1988 when she was transferred and became the Postmaster in Woodstock, Minnesota. She retired in 1992 after 36 years of service as Postmaster. During her working years she also became the clerk for Hatfield's City Council from 1985 to 2018, even as she approached the age of 90. Janet was a proud member of the Hatfield community and lived in her home there for 86 years. Recently, Janet struggled with some health challenges and entered the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, Minnesota. She passed away peacefully there on Monday, March 31, 2025, at the age of 96 years, one month, and six days.

Janet was an avid bowler, bowling on two leagues (Monday afternoons and Friday evenings). She enjoyed playing cards and was in two different "500" clubs. She belonged to the CBS Club, Golden Kiwanis Club, and the Pipestone Golden Club. She was proud to be one of the few Hatfield First Responders for many years. She was also a 4-H club leader for a time in her younger years. Janet was a lifelong member of St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone where she was baptized, confirmed, and married. She was a part of a church circle, counted offerings, and taught Sunday School during her children's younger years.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Gerald "Jerry" VanderPlaats of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Pat (Dan) Carstensen of Trosky, Minnesota, and William "Bill" (Tami) VanderPlaats of Pipestone; 14 grandchildren, Rebecca (Kevin) Perkins, Kristie (Jeff Layer) Johnson, Aaron (Dianne) VanderPlaats, Mark (Casey Sommers) O'Connor, Shawn Mills, Thomas (Stacie) VanderPlaats, Tamara Gronbach, Janna (Matt) Havel, Kory Krempges, Kyle Krempges, Keith Krempges, Janelle (Lance) Sagataw, Cassie (Jed) Woitaszewski, and Logan (fiancé, Mariah Vikander) VanderPlaats; 23 great-grandchildren, Nick, KayLynn, Amber (Aaron), Grant, Damion, Deagen, Emma, Raegan, Jack, Kamryn, Ella, Adlee, Axton, Watson, Jerica, Makaden, Jonathan, Gemma, Larry, Jesse, Marissa, Madison, and Joshua; one great-great-granddaughter, Laura; one sister-in-law, Genevieve VanderPlaats; daughters-in-law, Teresa VanderPlaats and Janice Wandansegga; son-in-law, Bernie (Julie) Krempges. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; four sons, James, Kenneth, John, and Thomas; daughter, Penny, daughters-in-law, Carol VanderPlaats and Eileen VanderPlaats; eight brothers, George, Fred, Joseph, Arthur, Theodore, Leo, Billy, and Tommy; five sisters, Margarete Wollmuth, Agnes Allen, Mary Cupp, Louise Hunter, and Dorothy Loger; several nieces and nephews; and her close friend, Rosie McGinty.

In Loving Memory Of

Janet VanderPlaats



Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - 10:30 AM
St. Leo Catholic Church
Pipestone, Minnesota

Celebrating - Msgr. Gerald Kosse

Lector - Bill VanderPlaats

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Delaney

Altar Servers - Marcel Arens, Noble Baatz, Lucas Faber

Scripture Readings

Job 19:23-27 II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
John 14:1-6

Organist - Carol Haubrich

Cantor - Kevin Paulsen

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"	"On Eagle's Wings"
"Praise to You"	"Be Not Afraid"
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"	"Song of Farewell"
"Song of the Angels"	"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Casket Bearers

Rebecca Perkins	Kristie Johnson	Janna Havel
Janelle Sagataw	Cassie Woitaszewski	Tamara Gronbach
Thomas VanderPlaats		

Casket Bearers

Aaron VanderPlaats	Mark O'Connor	Shawn Mills
Keith Krempges	Kory Krempges	Kyle Krempges
Logan VanderPlaats		

Interment

St. Leo Catholic Cemetery - Pipestone, Minnesota

Arrangements Entrusted To
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME