

Anne ‘Ann’ Marie Ohman was born on March 23, 1928, in Willow Lake, SD, to Helmer and Mathilda Regina (Rydelius) Ohman. After the passing of her mother when Ann was just two years old, a close family friend, Walt Johnson and his family stepped in to help care for her. Helmer later married Mabel Carlson, and the family settled in Clark. During this time, Ann lived with the Johnson’s in Wilmot. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Ann spent her childhood in Wilmot, attending country school in Lake Township before graduating from Wilmot High School in 1946. She went on to earn her teaching certificate and taught in a country school for a few years.



On November 12, 1947, Ann married Elwood Sandbakken in Wilmot. The couple made their home on the Sandbakken family farm and were blessed with five children: Patricia, Wayne, Beth, Robert, and Steven. Ann devoted her early years to raising their children and later held various jobs, including work at the Big Stone Cheese Factory and seasonal corn run positions. Eventually, she began working at the Wilmot Post Office, where she started as a clerk and later became Postmaster in Twin Brooks, SD, a position from which she eventually retired. Ann was a devoted member of Wilmot Lutheran Church and more recently attended Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD.

She and Elwood shared a love for the outdoors—Elwood enjoyed growing vegetables, while Ann had a passion for flower gardening. She was an avid antique collector, frequently attending conventions and antique sales, and even ran her own antique booth. She especially loved collecting lamps and dishes. The couple also enjoyed traveling, making memorable trips to Alaska and abroad to Norway and Sweden. Ann was skilled in embroidery, crochet, and knitting, and she also had a love for puzzles—particularly crosswords and Sudoku. She had a sharp mind and a talent for math. Ann deeply loved her children and grandchildren, always cherishing time spent with her family. She was a loving, caring person, always grateful for what she had. She was loved by many and will be remembered for her beautiful smile and will be missed by all who knew her.

Ann is survived by her children: Patricia “Pat” (Larry) O’Farrell of Marvin, SD; Wayne (Faith) Sandbakken of Wilmot, SD; Robert (Janet) Sandbakken of Wilmot, SD; Steven Sandbakken of Seattle, WA; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; former son-in-law, Jeff Nielsen of Big Stone City, SD; sister-in-law, Lois LeRoss of Sioux Falls, SD; and many nieces and nephews; and many Walt Johnson family members. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mathilda Regina Ohman; father and step-mother: Helmer and Mabel Ohman; her beloved husband, Elwood Sandbakken; daughter, Beth Nielsen; siblings: Lester, George, Nyler, Rueben, Marlow, Elsie, Eldora, Norma; and Carl; and her childhood caretakers: Walt and Anna Johnson.

In Loving Memory of

Anne Sandbakken

WHO WAS BORN

March 23, 1928
South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

April 9, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, April 18, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
Wilmot Lutheran Church
Wilmot, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Kay Reeb

PIANIST

Cora Jones

SPECIAL SONGS

“How Great Thou Art” | “In The Garden”
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” | “Amazing Grace”

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Joseph Sandbakken | Keith O’Farrell | Matt O’Farrell
Tom Smith | Wade Nielsen | Nick Nielsen

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren,
Great-Grandchildren, and Great-Great Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Wilmot City Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Ann’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the church dining hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Our Keepsake

Though your smile is gone forever,
and your hand we cannot touch,
still we have so many memories,
of the ones we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.



Please use this QR code to access
Ann's online guestbook and tribute video.

