

Eleanor Jane Thulin, daughter of Claude and June (DeVoe) Thulin was born November 1, 1942 in Luverne, MN.

She grew up on the farm south of Garretson. She graduated from Garretson High School in 1960. Then she moved to Sioux Falls, SD and worked as a bookkeeper until her marriage.

Eleanor was united in marriage with James DeBates on May 26, 1962 in Jasper, MN. The couple farmed near Jasper.

Eleanor worked as a teller at Jasper State bank, then Peoples Bank until she retired in 2014.

Eleanor was a member of St Joseph Catholic Church, Jasper, MN until it closed, then St Rose of Lima, Garretson, SD.

For many years she ran the clock for the girls' volleyball and girls' basketball until the Jasper High school closed. She taught CCD on Thursdays at St Joseph. She was a member of the Alter Society. She was in a couple of Card Clubs.

She enjoyed reading and playing Mahjongh and volunteering at the Jasper Library.

Eleanor is survived by her husband, James; daughters, Angela (Gregg) Kringen, Aimee (James) Noeske, Audrey (Wally) Wohlleber; and sons, Keith (Susan) and Kevin; Grandkids; and her sisters, Barb Olund, and Betty (Robert) Julson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and June; and a brother, Orville Thulin; brother-in-law, Roger Olund.

In Memory Of **Eleanor DeBates**

November 1, 1942 ~ September 6, 2025

Mass of Christian Burial

1:00 PM Thursday

September 11, 2025

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Garretson, South Dakota

Celebrant

Fr Kevin O'Dell

Instrumentalist

Shiloh Oorlag

Cantor

Betty Irvine

Music

Opening: "Amazing Grace"

Responsorial: "Be Not Afraid"

Offertory: "Prayer Of St. Francis"

Communion: "Here I Am Lord"

Reflection: "On Eagles Wings"

"Song of Farewell"

Closing: "How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
Jasper, Minnesota



Times and places

*Are all in who you share 'em with
And it's life, and the point is
Enjoyin' who you share it with
Joy is who you share it with*

*And the weeks and the weekends
Are keepin' close who you spend it with
And in time, what you find is
The time is who you spend it with
Joy is who you share it with*

*Ooh, Ooh
Who you share it with
Oh, Ooh
Who you share it with*

*Yeah, now is a moment
And a home is who you share it with
I believe what the point is
Is enjoyin' who you share it with
Joy is who you are it with*

Songwriters: Chad Copeline / Chris Henderson

A Life Remembered



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November 1, 1942

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September 6, 2025