

Esmé Janine Pratt was born on March 27, 1953, in Clinton, IA. She began her education in local elementary schools before attending and graduating from a Catholic boarding school in 1959. Following high school, Esme spent a couple years traveling before enrolling at Winona State University in MN, where she earned her degree in nursing.

Esme dedicated 25 years of her career as a critical care nurse at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, WI. It was there that she met the love of her life, Dr. Alan Pratt. The two were married on December 30, 1995, in Wisconsin. Both continued their careers at Gundersen, and after 25 years of service, Esme retired in 2015. Alan remained in practice for a few more years before joining her in retirement.

Together, Esme and Alan shared a love for the outdoors, enjoying hunting and fishing trips—Esme had a particular fondness for perch fishing. They spent a few years traveling to Big Stone City, SD, where Esme fell in love with the community, the landscape, and of course, the fishing. In 2021, the couple made Big Stone City their home.

A passionate animal lover, especially of dogs, Esme often supported Humane Societies through donations. Known for her warm spirit and vibrant personality, she had a gift for making friends and could light up any room. More than anything, Esme cherished time spent with her husband, their son, and their grandchildren. Esme was a determined, resilient woman who faced life's challenges with a smile.

She will be forever loved and deeply missed by her beloved husband, Alan Pratt of Big Stone City, SD; son, Tristan (Mizou) Pratt of Houston, MN; and two grandchildren: Alice and Easten Pratt. She is preceded in death by her parents; and one brother.

In Loving Memory of

Esme J. Pratt

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Charles Catholic Church
Big Stone City, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Brian Eckrich

MUSICIANS
Paula Rausch, Guitarist
Brenna Byer, Soloist

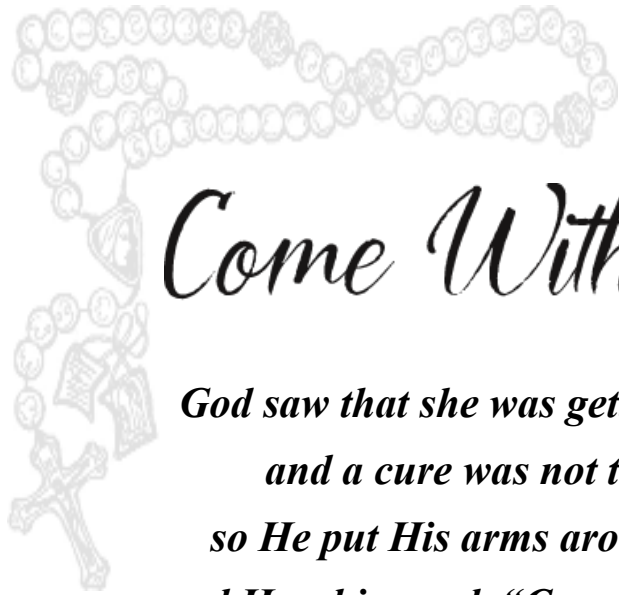
SPECIAL SONGS
“The King of Love My Shepherd”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“Song of Farewell”
“Oh God Beyond All Praising”

ACTIVE URN BEARER
Esme’s Beloved Husband
Alan Pratt

INURNMENT
St. Charles Catholic Cemetery
Big Stone City, South Dakota

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

Mundwiler Funeral Homes - Milbank, South Dakota



Come With Me

*God saw that she was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around her
and He whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and slowly fade away.
Although we love her dearly,
we would not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands did rest.
God gave us tears to ease the pain
When he took from us the best!*

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Esme's online guestbook.



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Esme Pratt