

**Dorothy Mae (Bly) Rasmussen** was born September 24, 1933, in International Falls, MN to McThilman and Annie (Woltjer) Bly. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Int'l Falls in December 1933 and July 1949 respectively. Dorothy graduated from the Minnesota School for the Deaf in May 1953 and was honored to have been class Valedictorian. She was offered a full ride scholarship to Gallaudet College but decided on a different path and after graduation went to a local school to learn keypunch operations and worked for the MN Highway Department in St. Paul in the traffic and keypunch departments. Dorothy was united in marriage with D. Duane Rasmussen on June 5, 1954, at Zion Lutheran Church. They made their home in International Falls from 1955-1970 where she worked as a cleaner at a local hotel. They moved to southern Minnesota in 1970 and ultimately ended up making their home in Clarkfield the summer of 1972. Dorothy worked for the Clarkfield Care Center many years off and on and joked recently that she started at the Care Center and now ended living at the Care Center. Dorothy's hobbies were reading and writing. In 2004 Duane and Dorothy celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Dorothy wanted to have a party to celebrate but Duane wanted to go fishing. Dorothy said, "If he goes fishing, I will find somebody else to celebrate with" (ha ha). She was a jokester but more of a quick wit type.

Dorothy died on Monday, October 6, 2025, at the Clarkfield Care Center at the age of 92. She is survived by her three children; Debra Rasmussen and Elizabeth Braun of Clarkfield, Minnesota and Perry (Clarice) Rasmussen of New Ulm, Minnesota; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, James (Kristen) L'Heureux of Scottsdale, Arizona, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Duane; her parents; two sisters, Evelyn (Walter) Stachiw and Joyce (Donald) Bolstad; a grandson, Jared Braun; a great grandson, Josiah David Vetter; and son-in-law, Brent Braun.

*In Loving*  
**MEMORY**



*Dorothy M. Rasmussen*

SEPTEMBER 24, 1933 † OCTOBER 6, 2025

## **Footprints In The Sand**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

*In Memory of*

**Dorothy Mae Rasmussen**

September 24, 1933



October 6, 2025

### **Celebration of Life**

J. H. Lynner Funeral Home  
Clarkfield, Minnesota  
Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
2 PM

### **Officiant**

Pastor Matt Danielson

### **Honorary Urnbearers**

Matthew Braun

Amanda Vetter

Meghan Braun

Tiffany Rasmussen

In lieu of a thank you card, please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the words of comfort, condolences, and the gift of your time spent sharing memories and stories of Dorothy with us today. The kindness and support we've received during this difficult time will not be forgotten.

*~The Family of Dorothy Rasmussen*

