

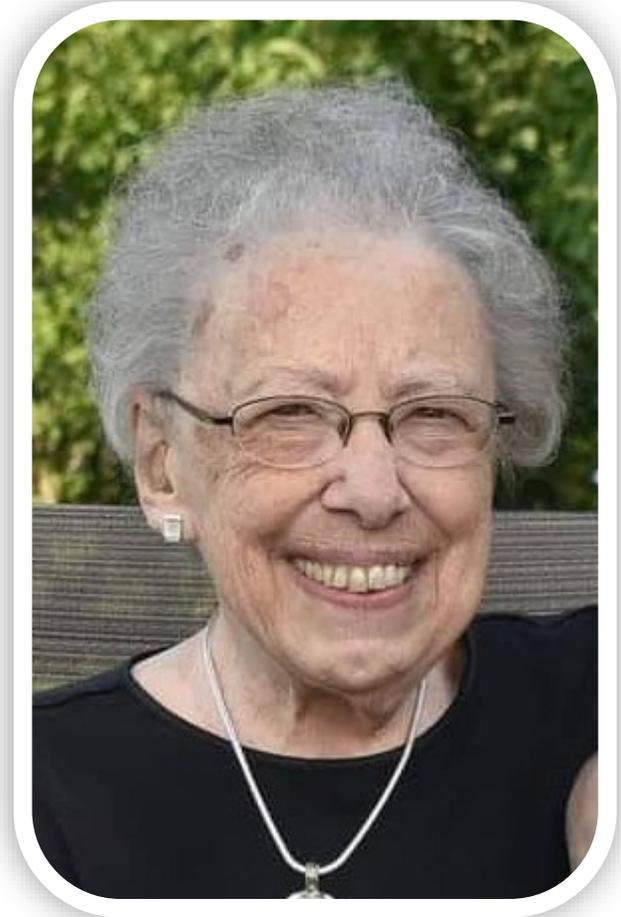
Joan Eleanor Dorothy Nelson was born on December 24, 1931, at her family's home in Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, Minnesota, the daughter of Arnold and Lydia (Radunz) Mattsfield. She grew up in the Darwin community, was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Darwin and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1949. On May 29, 1964, Joan was united in marriage to Howard Nelson and they made their home in Atwater. Joan was employed as a bookkeeper for many years at the Erickson Furniture Store and Lundquist Fine Furnishings in Willmar and later at Rick Plumbing and Heating. Joan enjoyed traveling, camping, reading, crocheting and being with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kathryn Nelson of Atwater and Kristine (and Donald) Anderson of Grove City; three grandchildren, Tori (and Josh) Helmer, Jonathan Nelson and Jayden Anderson (and Layne); and four great grandchildren, Colten, Jaxon and Milo Helmer and Braylen Brayton. Also surviving are two siblings, Joel (and Sandra) Mattsfield of Darwin and Jvonne Larson of Hutchinson; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard in 1994; one sister, June Rick and brothers, Virgil in infancy, John and Jerry Mattsfield.

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

Celebrating the Life of



Joan Nelson

1931 - 2025

Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters...

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths

of righteousness for His name's sake...

Yea, though I walk through the valley of

the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,

they comfort me. Thou preparest a table

before me in the presence of mine

enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life: and I will dwell in

the house of the Lord forever.

In Loving Memory Of

Joan Nelson

December 24, 1931

Darwin, Minnesota

July 2, 2025

Grove City, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Atwater, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Christa Forsythe

Music

Organist: Deb Mickle

Congregational Hymns:

"Amazing Grace"

"I'm But A Stranger Here"

"How Great Thou Art"

Active Casketbearers

Daniel Larson David Larson Douglas Larson

James Rick Gary Rick Rocky Mattsfield Bradley Mattsfield

Interment

Union Cemetery

Atwater, Minnesota