

Elaine Annette Gehrt was born on March 6, 1951, in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of Franklyn and June (Snyder) Ayotte. She grew up in New London and attended school in New London thru 9th grade. The family moved to Norfolk, Nebraska for 2 years. In 1967, they moved to Willmar and Elaine graduated from Willmar High School in 1969. Over the years, Elaine worked at Sears, Yogurt Plus and Rice Memorial Hospital. In 1975, Elaine was married to Kim Bice. They lived in the Willmar community and were blessed with two daughters, Connie and Amy. In 1996, Elaine married her best friend and the love of her life, Kenneth Gehrt. They also made their home in the Willmar community and she was instantly blessed with four additional children. She was a past member of the Church of God and current member of the First Reformed Church. Elaine enjoyed camping, working in the yard, gardening and flowers, decorating the house both inside and outside. She also enjoyed crafts of many kinds, baking, cooking, and shopping at area garage sales and thrift stores.

Elaine passed away Friday evening, January 3, at the St. Cloud Hospital, at the age of 73

She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth of Willmar; her six children, Paula Gehrt of Atwater, Kenneth (and Lorie) Gehrt of New London, Nicholas (and Marilyn) Gehrt of Paynesville, Connie (and Jason) Wog of Willmar, Sirena Gehrt of Atwater and Amy Carlson of Otsego; ten grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and one sister, Pam Ayotte of Willmar; besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Thomas "Tommy".

Celebrating the Life of



Elaine A. Gehrt

1951 - 2025

"I Wish For You..."



*Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.*

God Bless You!

-Author unknown

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Celebrating A Life Remembered*

In Loving Memory Of

Elaine A. Gehrt

March 6, 1951

Willmar, Minnesota

January 3, 2025

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

First Reformed Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude	Becky Lippert
Congregational Hymn	"In The Garden" #635
Prayer	Psalm 118:1, 24, Psalm 116: 5-8, 15
Words of Welcome	
Scripture Readings	
	Psalm 139:16b, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, Matthew 11:25-26
Time of Reflection	
Message	Pastor Rob Ford
	Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:16, 36
Prayer	
Congregational Hymn	"Jesus Loves Me" #185
Words of Instruction	
Benediction	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
Dismissal Song	"On Eagle's Wings"
Postlude	