



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Thelma H. Wilson

JULY 7, 1940 – FEBRUARY 21, 2026

I'm proud of them - these hands of mine;
So **MANY** things they've done.
They've planted flowers, and pulled the weeds,
and worked out in the sun.
They've kneaded bread and cooked the meals
More times than I can say.
They've washed a ton of clothes,
I guess, and put them all away.
They've *soothed*
a small child's fevered brow & rubbed an aching head.
And when the evening shadows fell,
They put the brood to bed.
They've borne the bite of winter's cold
And felt the warmth of spring.
And on the finger long ago was put a wedding ring.
And when **MY JOURNEY** here is over,
I still shall *be thankful*
That these old work - worn hands of mine
Have done so much for me.

Services At:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Hancock, Minnesota
Friday, February 27, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Julius Miller

Organist:

Sandy Pahl

Pallbearers:

Jaimen Wilson, Isaac Wilson, Derek Hoelscher
Jared Heyer, Mickey Helgerson, Mitch Helgerson

Honorary Pallbearers:

Hendrick Witt, Danielle Heyer, Michelle Rausch
Cassandra Wilson, Emily Wilson, Abbie Wilson
Samantha Witt, Alyssa Witt, Terie Rehm

Interment:

Appleton City Cemetery
Appleton, Minnesota

Thelma Helaine Anderson was born on July 7, 1940, on the Anderson family farm in Scott Township, Stevens County, Minnesota the daughter of Edwin and Mabel (Kohlman) Anderson. She was baptized July 28, 1940 by Reverend N.C. Renslo. Upon the sale of the farm, the family moved to a farm in Swift County. She attended school at Appleton Public School and graduated from Appleton High School, Class of 1959.

At age 16, she took a part-time job at the bakery in Appleton working daily when she got out of school. After graduation, she moved to Excelsior and worked for State Auto Insurance Company. Not liking city life, she moved back to Appleton and worked at the grocery store.

On July 7, 1969, she married Edward Wilson. Thelma was a busy farm wife raising her children and helping with farm work. Anyone who drove on the yard was always invited in for coffee or a meal. The freezer was always supplied with plenty of pies, cookies and bars to serve. When Ed had to quit farming, Thelma took a job at the University of Minnesota Morris campus working in the Registrar's office and worked there for 22 years. Following Ed's death in 2005, Thelma remained on the farm for two years and then moved to Henning to be closer to her daughter. She later moved to Benson and eventually returned to Henning.

Thelma made many quilts for all the family and grandchildren. She enjoyed birds, embroidery, cooking, baking, gardening, canning and her flower beds.

Thelma died on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at Willow Creek Assisted Living in Henning. She was 85 years old.

Survivors include her children, Paul (Joye) Wilson of Rochester, Charles Wilson of Benson, Penny (Brian) Rehm of Henning and Charlene (Randy) Witt of Parkers Prairie; 10 grandchildren, Danielle (Jared) Heyer, Michelle Rausch, Cassandra (Jason) Wilson, Jaimen (Cassie) Wilson, Isaac Wilson, Emily Wilson, Abbie Wilson, Samantha (Derek Hoelscher) Witt, Alyssa Witt, Hendrick Witt; step-grandchild, Terie (Justin) Rehm; great-grandchildren, Hudson Heyer, Carly Heyer, Charli Yang and Riley Ann Wilson; sister, Elnor (Larry) Benkowski of Ortonville and sister-in-law, Yvonne Munsterman of Appleton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Mabel; husband, Edward Wilson; brother, Harvey Anderson; sisters, Delores Anderson and Marion Anderson; and nieces, Kristine Benkowski and Angie Anderson.



*Please use this QR Code to access
Thelma's online guestbook and tribute video.*

Pedersen
Funeral & Cremation Service

