

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 & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



In Loving Memory of

Elizabeth "Betty" Olson

May 13, 1928 - August 11, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, August 15, 2024 - 11:00 AM
Grace Lutheran Church
Luverne, Minnesota

OFFICIATING - Pastor Sarah Zender

ORGANIST - Beryl Haugen

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Eric Olson	Kevin Olson	Nathan Olson
Joshua Dragstra	Andrew Fodness	Adam Fodness
Jennifer Hondlik	Susan Sime	Katelyn Hinricher
Courtney Blenner		Lyndsey Fodness



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OPENING HYMN "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" - Hymn #697

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS - Joshua Dragstra Psalm 23 Psalm 116:5-9

GOSPEL - Susan Sime Luke 6:20-23 John 14:15-20

EULOGY - Mavis Fodness

SPECIAL MUSIC "On Eagle's Wings"
Katelyn Hinricher, Lyndsey Fodness, Adam Fodness

MESSAGE

HYMN "Be Not Afraid" - Insert

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: "God of Mercy" **Congregation: "Hear our prayer."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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RECESSIONAL HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Hymn #773

Following the service, friends are invited to then join the family for food and sharing in the church fellowship hall in Betty's memory. A committal service will then follow at Flowerfield Cemetery in rural Hills, Minnesota. The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy given to them during this time.

Arrangements by
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Elizabeth "Betty" Carmilla Johnson was born May 13, 1928, in Columbus, Montana.

As an infant, she was welcomed into the loving home of Chris and Magda (Hanson) Johnson in Valier, Montana, where she was raised with her brother Harold and attended country school.

In 1955, she met Alvin Olson from Luverne as he traveled with the wheat harvest crews, who frequently came to work in the Valier area.

As a couple they made their home while farming on the eastern edge of Luverne along Blue Mound Avenue. In that home, they raised their three children Arvin, Avis and Mavis. Alvin preceded her in death on June 9, 1985.

Her primary job was as a wife and mother. She later added a secondary job working part-time with Luverne Elementary School, where she served 29 years as the playground supervisor. She enjoyed her secondary job and is still well known by many who remember her strict enforcement of the rules and soft heart.

Betty loved her farm home and especially enjoyed her beloved cats. She lived on the acreage until the summer of 2010, when she moved into the Blue Mound Tower in Luverne. She and her cat Precious were welcomed into the Tower community, who convinced her to join many social activities and helped celebrate her 90th birthday with a special party in her honor.

In August 2023, Betty moved to the Tuff Memorial Home, where she was cared for and loved by staff and residents. Her special place at Tuff was honored this June when she was selected as the Tuff Home queen and represented the home during the Hills Friendship Days parade.

On Sunday, August 11, 2024, Betty died in Tuff Memorial Home at the age of 96 years, two months and 29 days.

Betty will be remembered by her children, Arvin (Carol) Olson of New Prague and Mavis (Bryan) Fodness of Hardwick; son-in-law, Warren Dragstra of Chandler; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, Eric (Cassie) Olson and Kohen and Lennon, Kevin (Kelsey) Olson, Jenny (Ryan) Hondlik and Remmington and Edward, Katelyn (Zach) Hinricher and Skylar and Olivia, Nathan (Elise Barnes) Olson, Andrew (Laura) Fodness and Emmett and Kade, Courtney (Andy) Blenner and Jayden and Logan, Lyndsey Fodness (Adam Hartman) and Elliot and Easton, Adam Fodness, Susan (Kent) Sime and Cailey and Brock, Joshua Dragstra, Israel Zinns and Ava and Aidyn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin; daughter, Avis on Dec. 24, 2011; granddaughter, Heather Zinns on July 5, 2023; parents, Chris and Magda; and brother and sister-in-law, Harold (Helen) Johnson.