

Marie Gale (Chambers) Grunwald was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, on February 25, 1933, and was raised on her parent's (Margaret and Burton) farm alongside her two beloved older sisters Marian and Marge. She loved horses, belonging to the 4H, and having her grandparents close. She graduated from Owatonna High School in 1952, attended one year at the University of Minnesota and then married her high school sweetheart, Robert Grunwald who was her best friend and constant companion for the next 57 years.

Marie was a creative writer, humorist, and practical joker. She planned for her annual Christmas letters and April Fool's Day antics all year long. She cut out her favorite cartoons and saved them to be sent at just the right time to just the right person on just the right occasion. She taught her four children, by example, how to laugh hard, laugh often, and most importantly, how to laugh at themselves. She focused her attention always on the things that mattered most to her - family, faith, friends, and love. She showed her commitment to service through her involvement in Meals on Wheels, PEO, and the ministries of the First Presbyterian Church.

Marie died peacefully on Friday, October 31, at her home at Compassionate Cottage in Willmar with family by her side, at the age of 92.

She is lovingly remembered by her four children and their spouses: Jane (Bobby) Weathers of Des Moines, IA; Beth (Gaylen) Reetz of Stillwater, MN; Charles Grunwald of Willmar, MN; and Sarah (Jeff) Sieck of Willmar, MN. She is sadly missed by her seven grandchildren: Katie, Maggie, Billy, Megan, Lizzie, Rob and Jenn, and by her eight great-grandchildren: Leo, Mae, Henry, Isabelle, Kacen, Ralyk, Harper, and Harley. She also leaves her cherished sister Marge Polacek, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her parents, and her sister Marian Jones.



*There is always always always
something to be thankful for...*

-Marie



*Life brings tears,
smiles, and memories*

*The tears dry,
the smile fades,
but the memories
live on forever.*

In Loving Memory Of

Marie Grunwald

February 25, 1933

Owatonna, Minnesota

October 31, 2025

Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor's Scott & Leanne Thompson

Music

Pianist & Vocalist: Jill Boeyink

"Morning Has Broken"

"Count Your Blessings"

"Amazing Grace"

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

"May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You"

Interment

Havanna Cemetery

Owatonna, Minnesota

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

"Celebrating A Life Remembered"