

Janet Anne Olson passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026, surrounded by her family at St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Fargo, ND. Until the end, Janet maintained her humor, kindness, appreciation for family and gratitude for her long life full of loving memories with those she cared for so deeply.

Janet and her identical twin sister, Annette, were born on August 6, 1937, to Alvin and Ellenora (Jahraus) Grosz. Jan was the eldest of three children. She was born in Eureka, SD. Later, the family moved to Herreid, SD, where they lived from fifth grade through graduation in 1955. She then attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Bismarck, ND, for three years.

Jan married James T. Olson in 1958, and they were blessed with five children. They lived in Highmore, SD, where Jan worked with the public health nurse for one year. She then worked at the Highmore nursing home for 15 years. The family later moved to Circle, MT, where Jan worked at the nursing home before relocating to Halstad, MN. She worked at the Halstad nursing home for a while before taking a break from nursing. During that break she drove beet truck for three seasons and served as a nurse for the Halstad migrant program. She eventually began working at the hospital in Crookston, MN. She stayed there for 15 years, ending her nursing career working in the OB nursery. After she retired, she moved to the family lake home on Tulaby Lake near Waubun, MN. Jim & Jan lived there until 2000, before making Fargo their home.

Jan was most recently active at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church in Fargo, participating in choir and Ladies Aide. She loved crocheting and made many blankets for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed word search puzzles, crosswords, reading and playing games, especially cards. Most of all, Jan cherished time spent with her family - whether it was boating at the lake, board games or chatting over coffee. Family truly filled her cup.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, husband James Olson; one brother, William Grosz; and twin sister, Annette Wiest. She is survived by her five children, Kathy (James) Rogge, Moorhead, MN, Susan Thomas, Fargo, ND, Jeffrey (Kathleen) Olson, Wahpeton, ND, David (Wendy) Olson, Omaha, NE, Charlotte Olson (Shannon Maker), Frazee, MN; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Michael Grosz, Biscayne Bay, FL.



Celebrating the Life of
Janet Anne Olson
August 6, 1937 ~ February 27, 2026



Trees

By Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see

A poem lovely as a tree.

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

A tree that may in Summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

Funeral Service

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM
Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service
Moorhead, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Laurie Neill

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 Revelation 21: 1-4
John 10: 27-30

Readers

Amanda Holland Joseph Olson

Eulogist

Gregg Holland

Congregational Hymns

Amazing Grace

It Is Well With My Soul

How Great Thou Art

Breanna Breidenbach, accompanist

Special Music

Why Me Lord ~ Kris Kristofferson

Casket Bearers

Gregg Holland Ely Olson Joseph Olson
Isaac Holland Ethan Holland Logan Holland

Final Resting Place

Riverside Cemetery
Fargo, North Dakota

*The family of Janet A. Olson thanks you for your
presence here today and for your many acts of kindness.*

*Following the Funeral Service please join the
family for a time of lunch and fellowship.*

