

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles

When life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering

softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times

And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,

To dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave

When life is done.

By Helen Marshall

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Ester Jane Tharaldson

DECEMBER 1, 1934 – NOVEMBER 29, 2025

Services At:

East Zion Lutheran Church

Starbuck, MN

Saturday - December 13, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Steve Carmany

Musician:

Karen Mitness

Vocalists:

Vicki Tharaldson and Arianna Buller

Readers:

Casey Thompson and Nick Buller

Eulogy:

JoAnne Thompson

Urn Bearer:

Brian Larson

Interment:

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Spring Burial

Ester Jane (Larson) Tharaldson, daughter of Albert and Mabel (Compton Willhite) Larson, was born December 1, 1934 in Roseville Township of Grant County near Herman, Minnesota. Ester was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Hoffman. At age 10 she moved with her family to a farm east of Glenwood. Ester was confirmed May 22, 1949 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Villard. She graduated from Glenwood High School in 1952. Ester worked as an assistant cashier at the Glenwood State Bank until her marriage to Dennis Tharaldson on March 7, 1954. Ester worked alongside Dennis on the farm, milking cows, driving tractor, etc. Ester enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, and various other states, and went on several cruise trips. Ester enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, baking, gardening, playing golf, playing bridge, playing softball with the Midway Stars team, serving as a Women of East Zion officer, and hosting family reunions on the family farm.

Ester passed peacefully on November 29, 2025, two days short of her 91st birthday.

Ester is survived by brother Duane (Pat) Larson; children: Barb Larson, Steve (Vicki) Tharaldson, JoAnne (Chuck) Thompson, Denise (Mark) Buller, and Bruce (Linda) Tharaldson; grandchildren: Brian, Sara, Dennis, Jeffrey (Krista), Casey, Lee, Nick (Arianna), Lisa (Andy), Nicole (Erik); step grandchildren: Jason (Sarah), Jeremy (Jessica), Jessica (Eric), Andrea (Matt), Jessica; great grandchildren: Noah, Robin, James, Parker, Emily; step great grandchildren: Olivia, Madilynn, Alex, Alyssa (Zach), Devin, Vincent, Josephine, Harrison, Lenora; and many nieces and nephews.

Ester is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dennis, son-in-law Don Larson, and grandchild Steph Tharaldson; sisters: Florence (Arnold) Hennen, Fern (Woodrow) Thompson, Dorothy (Cliff) Jacobson, Grace (Guy) Peterson; brothers: Leo (Ann) Willhite, Leonard (Claudia) Willhite, Merle (Arlene) Willhite, Don (Gertie) Willhite, Harold (Joan) Willhite, Ellerd Larson, Ed (Patty) Larson, Earl Larson; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Gerhard and Elaine Tharaldson, Odean and Esther Tharaldson, Sylvia and Lloyd Vindedahl, Gaye and Harry Klyve, and Joyce and George Nornes.

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Memory



Ester Jane Tharaldson
1934-2025



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