Janet was born on June 5, 1939, in Doran MN, where the family lived before her father accepted a job and the family briefly moved to Bronx, New York where her father worked in a plant producing supplies for the military during the war. As the war, and threat to the United States worsened, her family moved back to Doran as they felt Doran was a safer, small town that was less likely to be attacked. Growing up in Doran, Minnesota, Janet attended elementary school at the local schoolhouse and graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1957. After graduation, Janet and Jerry Czichotzki were married and bought a small house on 11st Street North in Breckenridge, before selling that and moving in with Jerry's parents temporarily before purchasing the lot next door and built their future house together. Janet and Jerry spent their entire married life together on 11th Street North in Breckenridge, Minnesota!

Janet embraced many vocations over the years, reflecting her adaptability and deep commitment to service. She devoted her talents and energies to roles at St Francis Home, Red River Valley Clinic, Breckenridge Public School, Wahpeton Electric, Andeen's Insurance Agency, and Econofoods. Her natural gift with words and her love of storytelling also led her to contribute as a writer for the Wahpeton/Breckenridge Daily News.

Janet's legacy extends far beyond her professional accomplishments. She will be remembered for her radiant creativity: crafting intricate costumes for parades, joyfully playing a multitude of musical instruments, and writing and singing her own songs. The echoes of her laughter and song filled rooms, gatherings, and the lives of those around her. Janet's love for gardening was perhaps best embodied in her carefully tended roses, admired by neighbors and friends alike. Her talent and affection blossomed in every corner of her home, nowhere more so than in the lovingly designed Barbie doll clothing she created for her grandchildren.

Holidays sparkled a little brighter at Janet's house. She took special joy in decorating, especially for Halloween and Christmas. Her dazzling Christmas light displays became a cherished tradition, attracting headlines in the local paper and features on WDAY and KVLY.

Janet's personal warmth was matched by her tireless spirit of service. She was widely known as someone who would always step forward to help, organizing countless benefits and fundraisers, always guided by compassion and conviction. Whether serving as a Sunday school teacher and youth leader for Trinity Episcopal Church, lending her energy to the Breckenridge Fire Department Auxiliary, leading as President of the Breckenridge PTA, guiding Daniel's Cub Scout troop or fostering local talent as Chairman and organizer of the Wilkin County Hobby and Talent Show, Janet left an indelible mark on her community.

Janet's deepest devotion was always felt by her family. She is survived by her beloved children, Cindy (Tom) Deal, Geralyn (Bruce) Hoglin, and Dan (Kathy) Czichotzki; her grandchildren, Jason (Mary) Deal, Katie (Cody Stuhaug) Kohoutek, Jolynn (Evan) Betts, Sarah (Zac) Bremmon, Morgan Czichotzki, and Jared Hoglin; her brother-in-law Dan Jaeb; her sister Judy (Roger) Harty; nine great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren with one on the way; and many cherished nieces and nephews. Each of them carries forward her legacy of kindness, creativity, and boundless love.

Janet is reunited in peace with her dear husband, Jerry Czichotzki; her parents, Ernest and Blanche Hunkins; her brother, James Hunkins; her father-in-law, Alvin Czichotzki; her mother-in-law, Margaret Czichotzki; and her sisters-in-law Donna Van Tassel, Marjean Jaeb, and Shirley Hunkins-Cherry, whose memories live on in stories shared and bonds never broken.

In remembering Janet, we remember a life marked by welcome, by wisdom, and by the quiet heroism of steadfast care. We cherish her memory-the gentle gardener of roses and hearts -whose kindness and radiant spirit will endure in all of us who had the privilege to know and love her.

Celebrating the Life of



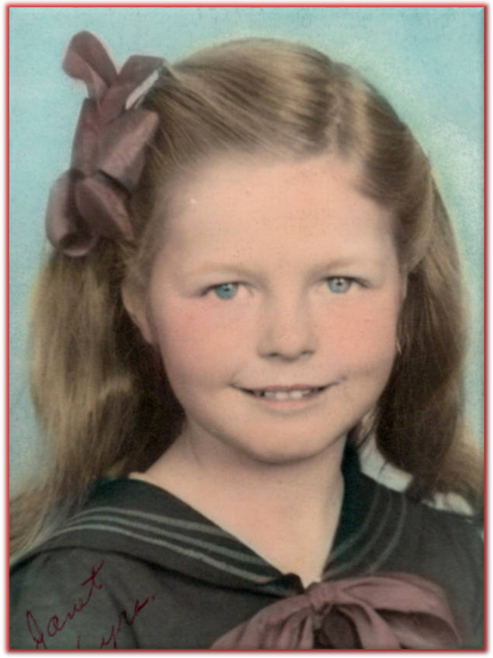
Janet Marie Czichotzki

June 5, 1939 - July 9, 2026





GOD looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the **BEST.**
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'PEACE BE THINE'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day GOD called you home.



Janet Marie Czichotzki

FUNERAL SERVICE
1:00 PM | Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Breckenridge Lutheran Church | Breckenridge, Minnesota

OFFICIANTS
Pastor Ale Tulu | Celebrant René Hasbargen

SCRIPTURE READINGS
John 3:16 | Plasm 23

MUSIC
Kay Nelson | Organist
Gwen Loll | Soloist
Processional Music | "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
Solo's | "Amazing Grace" | "How Great Thou Art"
Recessional Music | " When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold"

PALLBEARERS
Jason Deal | Katie Kohoutek | Jolynn Betts
Sarah Bremmon | Morgan Czichotzki | Jared Hoglin

INTERMENT
Riverside Cemetery | Breckenridge, Minnesota

There will be a releasing of doves after the service as the casket is being placed into the hearse.

APPRECIATION
On behalf of Janet's family, thank you for your love and support throughout her life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as her life is honored. Please join us for food and fellowship following the service. A special thank you to Pioneer Care Center in Fergus Falls and Vivie Hospice.