



In Loving Memory

Jean Lucille Griffin

July 31, 1921 ~ January 10, 2026

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2026
Amundson Funeral Home Chapel
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Mark Ellingson

Musicians

Rev. Mark Ellingson & Donna Roeder
Jean's Great-Grandchildren

Music Selections

In the Garden ~ Congregational
Jesus Loves Me, This I Know ~ Jean's Great-Grandchildren
Frosty the Snowman ~ Violin by Lydia Tappert
Have Thine Own Way, Lord ~ Congregational
This is My Father's World ~ Rev. Mark Ellingson

Casket Bearers

Brent Griffin Daniel Griffin Adam Griffin
Ben Scholten Brian Scholten Jeff Winters

Honorary Casket Bearers

Jean's Grandchildren &
Jean's Great-Grandchildren

Jesus
said unto her, I am the resurrection
& the
Life:
he that believeth in me,
though he were dead,
yet he shall live: and whosoever liveth &
Believeth
in me shall NEVER die.
Believeth thou this?

- John 11:25-26

Following the service you are invited to join the Griffin family for a time of fellowship & refreshments before the burial at Thompson City Cemetery in Thompson, North Dakota.

Jean was born in Thompson, North Dakota on July 31, 1921, to Floyd and Belle (Galegher) Forsythe. She had one brother, Keith Edward Forsythe, born March 21, 1927. Growing up in Thompson, Jean enjoyed roller skating and dancing, and played the piano starting at age nine. Jean graduated from Thompson High School in 1939. After graduation she went on to attend Aakers Business College in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Upon graduation, Jean worked as a telephone operator. Other jobs included assistant for the Chief of Norman County Selective Service Office in Ada, Minnesota, during World War II, and nursery supervisor for the Thompson Migrant Program.

On May 14, 1946, she married Ronald Ray Griffin. Together, they lived in Grand Forks, North Dakota for five years. Other places they lived include Fargo, North Dakota; Hoople, North Dakota; and Thompson, North Dakota. Jean and Ron shared more than 48 years together filled with love and adventure: raising two children, church activities, and camping.

Family, faith, and community were important to Jean. She was a dedicated and active member of the Thompson United Methodist Church, Thompson, North Dakota. She served as the church pianist for more than twenty years. She was also the treasurer and pianist of the Sunday School and a member of the United Methodist Women.

Throughout her life, Jean enjoyed sharing her love of music. She especially enjoyed playing the piano for her family. Her grandchildren have special memories of sitting next to her on the piano bench as she played. In her 90s, she played dazzling piano solos for family weddings. As her health declined, she still tried to play the piano as much as possible, even playing occasionally for a women's Bible study. At her 100th birthday celebration, she treated the attendees to some of her favorite pieces.

Jean's ancestors came from Ireland and Canada. Arriving in America in the 1800's, they settled in New York City and Thompson, North Dakota. Jean spent 87 years as a resident of North Dakota. In the summer of 2008, she became a Minnesota resident, moving to the Garden Court Apartments in Winnebago, Minnesota to be near her son and his family.

Jean will be deeply missed and remembered always by her children; daughter, Beth Ann (Ben) Scholten of West Fargo, ND; son, Dr. Brent (Shirley) Griffin of Blue Earth, MN; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren: Brenda (Greg) Tappert (Lydia and Hannah) of McKinney, TX; Brian Scholten of West Fargo, ND; Daniel (Theresa) Griffin (Laila, Owen, Kenna, Ian, and Kole) of Lone Rock, IA; Jessie Griffin; Adam Griffin of Blue Earth, MN; niece, Susan Forsythe; and nephews, Steve and Dan Forsythe. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ron; her brother, Keith; and sisters-in-law Margaret and Elsie.

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