

Marilyn Elizabeth Nordin was born on December 27, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Ruchti. Marilyn grew up and received her education in Willmar. Marilyn married Kenneth Gehrt in 1964 and were blessed with one daughter, Paula and one son, Kenneth. In 1978, Marilyn married Allen Nordin Senior. They made their home in the Atwater community and were blessed with one son, Allen Junior. Marilyn enjoyed bingo and trips to the casino. In her earlier years she loved bowling, camping, fishing, garage sales and shopping with her mother.

Marilyn passed away Thursday, February 5, at CentraCare Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar at the age of 79.

She is survived by her loving husband, Allen Nordin Sr. of Atwater; her three children, Paula Gehrt of Atwater, Kenneth (and Lorie) Gehrt of New London, Allen Jr. (and Charmaine) Nordin of Atwater; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren; besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Elizabeth; three brothers, Ronald, Donald and Marvin and one sister, Verna.

Celebrating the Life of



Marilyn E. Nordin

1946 — 2026



FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you only see one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

-Mary Stevenson

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Celebrating A Life Remembered

In Loving Memory Of

Marilyn E. Nordin

December 27, 1946
Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 5, 2026
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Friday, February 13, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Atwater Community Center
Atwater, Minnesota

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Song

"Mary Did You Know"

Allen Nordin Jr. & Elizabeth Nordin

Reading of Obituary

Chevy Nordin

Eulogy

Song

"Hallelujah"

Elizabeth Nordin

Scripture Readings

Meditation

Pastor Jeremy Johnson

Song

"Leads Me Home"

Allen Nordin Jr.

Closing Prayers

Closing Song

"Go Rest High"

Allen Nordin Jr.

*All are invited to stay for a noon luncheon with the family
immediately following this service*