

Jeanette “Jean” Berge was born on July 1, 1929, to Freeman and Mildred (Flood) Bowles. She grew up in Dell Rapids, where she formed lifelong friendships and strong roots in her community. She graduated from Dell Rapids High School and later attended Nettleton College. On August 29, 1949, she married Charles “Chuck” Berge in Dell Rapids.

Jean and Chuck made their home in Dell Rapids before moving to Baltic in 1964. Jean worked for 43 years as the administrative assistant to the president of John Morrell, a role she embraced with dedication, professionalism, and quiet pride.

Together, Jean and Chuck enjoyed spending their summers in Baltic and winters in Brownsville, Texas, where days were filled with golf, laughter, and treasured time with friends. Jean loved sports and rarely missed the opportunity to cheer on her favorite teams or follow a game. She carried herself with grace, reflecting her timeless sense of style and confidence. Independent and strong-willed, she approached life with resilience while maintaining a warm and welcoming presence.

Jean found joy in life’s simple pleasures — tending flowers and plants, playing bridge with friends, and staying active. She was a member of Eastern Star, Baltic TOPS, and the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, where her faith and friendships remained an important part of her life.

After Chuck’s passing, Jean continued to live independently in Baltic before moving to Dow Rummel in Sioux Falls in 2021. Throughout every chapter of her life, her greatest joy was her family and friends. She deeply cherished time spent with her daughter, son-in-law, granddaughters, and great-grandchildren, offering wisdom and encouragement that will continue to shape their lives for years to come.

Survivors include her daughter, Deb (Steve) Gunderson, Sioux Falls; granddaughters, Angie (Jon) Bosma, Bennington, NE, and Joy (Cory) Mohling, Wessington Springs; great-grandchildren, Cale Mohling, Cade Mohling, Logan Mohling, and Brooke Mohling; sister, Jan Johnson, Garretson; sister-in-law, Carol Bowles, Denver, CO; and many other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles “Chuck” Lester Berge (June 5, 2005); her parents, Freeman and Mildred; stepfather, Walter Potas; sister, JoAnn Park; and brother, Jerry Bowles.

Jean will be remembered for her independence, quiet strength and love for family and friends. Her steady presence, fun spirit, and ability to enjoy life’s simple moments leave a lasting legacy that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

In Memory Of **Jeanette “Jean” Berge**

July 1, 1929 † February 8, 2026

Memorial Service

1:30 PM

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Halladay-Peterson Chapel at Dow Rummel
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Katherine Olson

Pianist

Nic Engel

Hymn

“In the Garden”

Honorary Pallbearers

Jean’s Great Grandchildren

Cale Mohling	Cade Mohling
Logan Mohling	Brooke Mohling

Private Interment

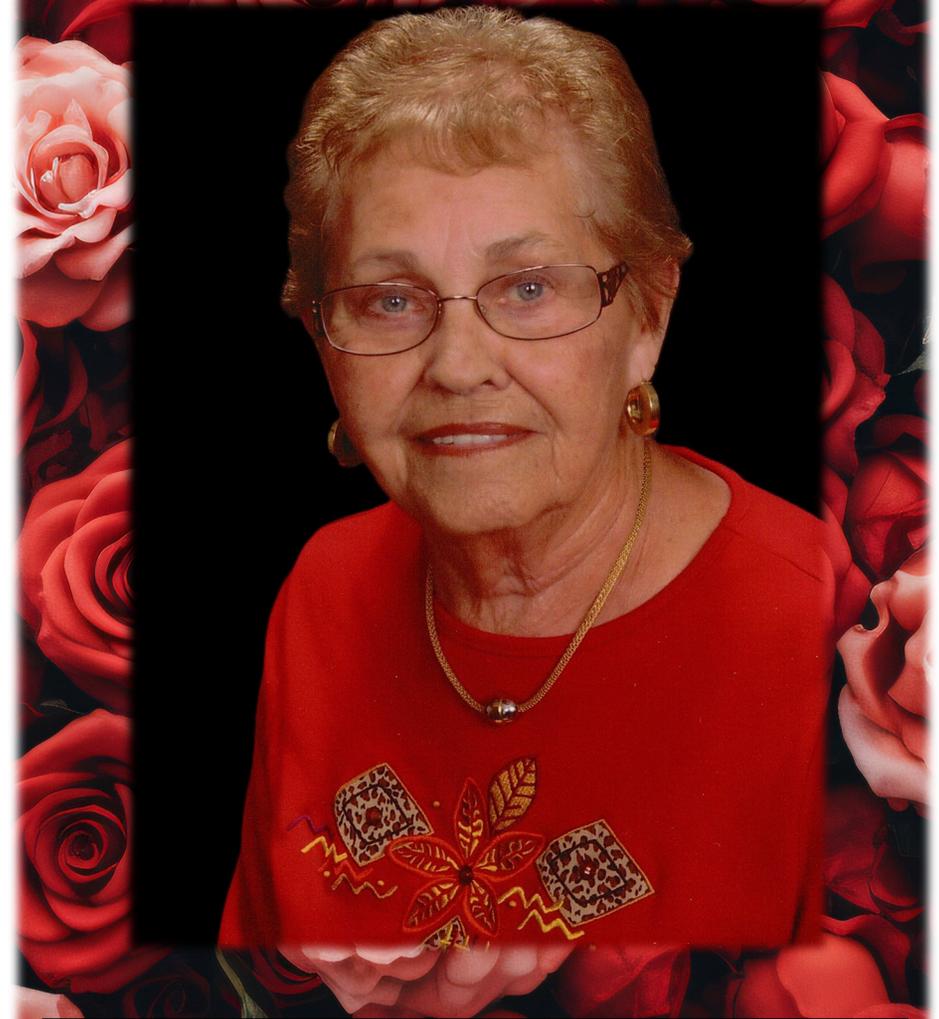
Dell Rapids Cemetery
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little - but not for long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.
- Edgar Albert Guest*

A Life Remembered



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