

***There Is Glory In Your Story***

*I know and you know  
that God is good. So go -  
walk out on faith.  
Find joy and live it.  
Dream and do and grow  
and be blessed.  
Because He's brought you  
a mighty long way,  
and He's not finished  
with you yet.*

Arrangements By  
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



*Lilen Kuhlman*

July 10, 1932 - September 4, 2026

*Celebrating the Life Of*  
**Lilen Kuhlman**



**Funeral Service**

Friday, September 11, 2026 - 10:30 AM  
Peace Lutheran Church - Ruthton, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Shepherd Dale Schley

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 29:11      Isaiah 43:1  
John 14: 1-7      Psalm 121  
I Corinthians 15:51-58

**Organist**

Joyce Anderson

**Congregational Hymns**

"Day By Day" - WOV 746  
"He Lives" - Insert  
"Soon and Very Soon" - WOV 439  
"It Is Well With My Soul" - WOV 785

**Casket Bearers**

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| Stephanie Kuhlman  | Justin Thiner     |
| Lexi Ousky         | Jacob Thiner      |
| Heidi Goergen      | Brandon Thiner    |
| Michelle VanHouton | Sara Ellen Austin |

**Interment**

Ruthton City Cemetery  
Ruthton, Minnesota

*Following the committal service, friends are invited to join the family  
for food and sharing in the church fellowship hall.*

**Lilen Muriel Kuhlman** was born on July 10, 1932 to Nate and Muriel (Fritz) Nelson in Worthington, Minnesota. The family lived in Worthington for the first five years of her life and then moved to Pipestone, Minnesota, where Lilen was baptized on June 27, 1941. She graduated from Pipestone High School in Pipestone in 1950. On March 16, 1951, Lilen was united in marriage to Marvin Kuhlman at Peace Lutheran Church in Ruthton, Minnesota. The couple began their married life living on Marvin's home farm and remained there until 1990 when they moved to Tyler, Minnesota. Lilen devoted her life to helping on the farm and raising their four children. In November of 2004, Marvin passed away. In 2017, Lilen moved into an apartment in Tyler where she remained until she moved into Maplewood Court Assisted Living in Fulda, Minnesota in 2023. Lilen passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, September 4, 2026, at the age of 94 years, one month and 25 days.

Lilen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Ruthton. She was very involved in the church, fulfilling such roles as Sunday School Teacher, Luther League Advisor, Peace LCW President, church librarian, and participating in the choir and church council. She was a member of the Ruthton Clowns, later called the Hart Clowns, and the Grandmothers Club. Lilen was on the board at Danebod Village and also on the Shetek Bible Camp Board for many years. She delivered Meals On Wheels and communion to shut-ins and was instrumental in getting the Ruthton Meal site established. Lilen's truest joy in life was taking care of her family, she served others in every action she did. She lived her life as a life of service and being a mother to all.

Lilen is lovingly remembered by her four children, Wanda (Joseph) Carpenter of Willmar, Minnesota, Cheryl (David) Thiner of Fulda, Minnesota, Karen (Alan) Goergen of Marshall, Minnesota, and Ivan (Tracey) Kuhlman of Ruthton, Minnesota; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; grandsons, Richard Austin, Jr. and Patrick Austin; granddaughters, Tiffany Kuhlman and Mariah Refsland; son-in-law, Richard Austin; siblings, Merle Nelson (in infancy), Harry Johnson, Pauline Dykstra, Richard Nelson, Sylvia Steuck, and Zenith Story; and her parents, Nate and Muriel Nelson.