

Our Mother's Garden

*Our Mother grew a special garden
That reflected God's loving care
It's fragrance touched many hearts
For she watered her garden with prayer
She grew marigolds of music
And forget me nots of faith
Her geraniums of joy bloomed bright
Even through dark, stormy days
Her carnations of care and kindness
Planted seeds of faith and trust
As she modeled a life of service
To every one of us
Her phlox of forgiveness
And goldenrods of gratefulness
Surrounded her garden of blessings
With peace and happiness
May we care for our Mother's garden
And keep it blooming faithfully
By showing God's love to others
Till our Savior's face we see*

-Written by Beth Bentrud of behalf of the family

A Thank You from the Family of Audrey Evink

We are so grateful for your presence in our lives and want to express our sincere thank you for your words of sympathy, acts of kindness, delicious food, beautiful flowers, meaningful cards, thoughtful visits, sharing of memories, and your heartfelt prayers.

Our family was incredibly blessed to have this precious woman as our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her kindness, her servant heart, her spirit of gratefulness, and her love of music which she used faithfully to bless others. Her trust and faith in our Lord were unwavering and had a powerful impact on our family and those around her. She was a humble example of a life lived for Jesus. Though we are mourning her death, we are rejoicing that she is experiencing life beyond comprehension with our Lord and Savior!

Please accept this as our sincere Thank You for sharing this journey with us.
We greatly appreciate you!

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Audrey A. Evink

NOVEMBER 9, 1928 – MARCH 29, 2025

Services At:

Christian Reformed Church - Hancock, Minnesota
Friday - April 4, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend David Dick

Musician:

Lois Strei

Vocalists:

John VerSteeg, Gary Strei, Gary Smith

Pallbearers:

Audrey's Grandsons:

Brent Evink, Eric Evink, Ethan Evink
John Boon, Troy Ruplinger, Jeremy Kreps, Daniel Kreps
Kenneth Kreps, Lucas Bentrud, Jared Bentrud

Honorary Pallbearers:

Audrey's Granddaughters:

Sarah VandeVoort, Rebecca Binford, Stacy Turk
Wendy Staat, Amanda Nydam, Michelle Wilson

Interment:

Lakeside Cemetery
Hancock, Minnesota

Audrey Anna Noordmans was born on November 9, 1928, to parents, Dewey and Jessie (Hoekstra) Noordmans in Hodges Township, rural Hancock, Minnesota. Audrey was baptized on January 13, 1929, by Rev. Hoitinga and professed her faith on May 18, 1947 by Rev. Van Zee at the Christian Reformed Church in Hancock. She grew up in rural Stevens County and attended Country School District #23 until the 8th grade. Following Audrey's education, she lived with her parents until February 15, 1949, when she was united in marriage to Kenneth Evink at the Christian Reformed Church in Hancock. They made their home in Stevens County, where Audrey spent her years raising their family of seven children.

Audrey was a lifelong member of the Christian Reformed Church in Hancock; she was active in the Ladies' Fellowship group, taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible school, Calvinettes Girls Club, and the D.A.C. religion class. For many years, Audrey and Kenneth served as the church custodians. She also volunteered her time with the Salvation Army. She modeled a spirit of hospitality and a strong sense of duty. Audrey enjoyed baking, growing flowers, sewing and quilting, and oil painting. In later years, Audrey played the guitar and harmonica, simultaneously. She loved singing harmony, whether it was around the piano growing up, or with others at church and family functions. She looked forward to family gatherings and fellowship with her church family and friends. Above all, Audrey cherished the time that she spent with her family.

Audrey died peacefully, surrounded by her family, at her home at The Legacy in Morris, on Saturday, March 29, 2025; she was 96 years old.

Audrey is survived by her children: David Evink of Hancock, Donald (Helen) Evink of Hospers, IA, Carol (Donald) Boon of Hancock, Mary Jo (Terry) Wickstrom of Highlands Ranch, CO, Linda Kreps of Clearwater, Lois Kennard of Willmar, and Beth (David) Bentrud of Sartell; 16 Grandchildren; 39 Great-grandchildren; siblings: Doris Tensen of Brooten, Tony (Joyce) Noordmans of Ferndale, WA, and Greta (John) Vander Pol of Albuquerque, NM; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Audrey is preceded in death by her parents: Dewey and Jessie Noordmans; her husband, Kenneth; granddaughter, Christa Kelp; daughter-in-law, Melinda Evink; son-in-law, Timothy Kreps; her brothers and sisters-in-law: Marcus and Ella Mae Noordmans, Sidney and Esther Noordmans, and Harland Noordmans; and sisters and brothers -in-law: Ida and Jerrian Gunnink, Annie and Richard Meyer, and Gerard Tensen.



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