



Irene Margaret Nerison
October 12, 1935 – October 16, 2019

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Irene Margaret Nerison
Monday, October 21, 2019 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE.....LSB 278

Please note the responses of the congregation during the Service.
These responses are marked with a red box with a white "C."
You may remain seated throughout the Service

Processional Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

Invocation & Remembrance of Baptism*

Psalm: Psalm 23 'The Lord Is My Shepherd'

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 121:1-8

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

Apostles Creed

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me".....LSB 588

Sermon – "Irene has Life!"

Text – John 20:30-31

Prayer of the Church

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"

Nunc Dimittis & Concluding Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace".....LSB 744

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist — Jo Ellen Kloehn

Soloist — Dave Blackstad

Readers – Andy Nerison & Molly Bradfish

Crucifer — Bill McKibbin

Biographer — Jenny Hines

On behalf of the family, you are cordially invited to join us for lunch following the service. Interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery of Minneapolis, MN.

*The Funeral Pall is a symbol in the Church that shows that we have been covered and clothed with the righteousness of Christ in our Baptism.

IRENE MARGARET NERISON

Irene M. Nerison was born on October 12, 1935 in Hillsdale Township, Winona County, MN to Paul and Elna Ellinghuysen. She was baptized on November 3, 1935 and confirmed on March 18, 1951 at St. Martins Lutheran Church in Winona, MN.

Irene was a 1954 graduate of Winona High School. After high school graduation, Irene moved to the big city of Minneapolis, where she worked for J.B. Hudsons. It was while working there she met Dennis, a Dayton's employee.

Irene was united in marriage with Dennis Nerison on May 11, 1957 in Winona. They made their home in Brooklyn Park and had two children, Marsha and Lee. Irene and Dennis joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Osseo where she faithfully attended for sixty years.

Irene cherished her roots in Winona and went back as often as she could. She took pleasure in family gatherings with Elaine, Tudy, Merf, and Lois's families, and her world-wide travels with her siblings and their spouses.

Irene and Dennis also enjoyed in their Noble Avenue neighborhood as well as camping with friends. Their "neighbor ladies" got together often to have coffee and sent their kids outside while they watched their Guiding Light soap opera. Irene was also fond of her neighbor group of left-handed pinochle players. As Irene did not drive a car, she was thankful for her dear friend, Ruth Beck, who often did the driving, even around the neighborhood on her tandem bike.

Irene was a thirty-one year employee of Anoka-Hennepin School District 11 where she worked as a school cook at Jackson Junior High. After retirement, Irene and Dennis moved to Mille Lacs Lake and enjoyed the serenity of their Cove Bay home.

Irene loved her family and doted on her grandchildren. They fondly remember her silver dollar pancakes and snacks of cheese, summer sausage and grape juice. Irene always had a stash of Tootsie Rolls in her purse for them. When playing cards with the grandchildren she could be heard reminding them to "keep your cards up to your birdies".

Irene kept her family's tradition of card playing, and there wasn't a jigsaw puzzle she couldn't master. Any group gathering called for a pot of her goulash, and Sunday dinners were most often a bread and butter roast. She was a collector of loons as well as bells and spoons from various locations she visited.

After a courageous two-month battle with cancer Irene was called home to be with her heavenly father on October 16, 2019 at J.A. Wedum Hospice. She will be greatly missed but will forever live on in our hearts.

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor. 15:57

Irene is survived by her children, Marsha (William) McKibbin of Big Lake, MN and Lee (Karen) Nerison of Corcoran, MN; grandchildren, Molly (Jared) Bradfish, Morgan McKibbin, Andrew (Anne) Nerison, and Shelby McKibbin; great-grandsons, Liam Schuette and Briggs Bradfish; and her nieces and nephews.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Nerison; parents, Paul and Elna Ellinghuysen; in-laws Arthur and Hulda Nerison; siblings, Elaine (Rockwell) Carlson, Vernice (Reuben) Alitz, Merlin (Patricia) Ellinghuysen, and Lois (Francis) Hanlon; and nephew, Bruce Carlson.

Irene's family would like to thank Pastor Burns for his spiritual guidance. Thank you to the J.A. Wedum and Methodist Hospital Hospice staffs for their care of Irene. Also, a special thank you to friends and family who visited Irene in recent weeks.