



Blanche Elsie (Tudy) Pankake

August 20, 1927 - September 3, 2019

Blanche Elsie “Tudy” Pankake, age 92, of Dassel, died Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at the Augustana Lakeside Healthcare Center in Dassel. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019, at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with the Rev. Laurie O’Shea officiating. The interment of the urn will be held at the Dassel Cemetery.

There will be a one-hour time to gather prior to the service at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel on Monday.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the memorial arrangements.

Blanche Elsie “Tudy” Pankake, the daughter of Henry and Elva (Nelson) Anderson was born on August 20, 1927, in Dassel Township, Meeker County, Minnesota. Tudy was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Covenant Church. In 1948, she joined the First Lutheran Church in Dassel where she was a member for the rest of her life. She had been active in WELCA and the Altar Guild.

Tudy went to district schooling at the Little Swan Lake School and graduated from Dassel High School in 1945. Tudy attended the De Guilis Beauty College in Minneapolis in 1946. She was then employed in Minneapolis until her

marriage to Alan Pankake on August 21, 1948, at the First Lutheran Church (Gethsemane Lutheran) in Dassel. Together they made their home in Dassel where they raised their three children. She was employed at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis. She had also been employed at Ernhart Meats and Stelten Meat Market and as a secretary at Weather Master Seeds and Payco Seed in Dassel.

Tudy did volunteer work in the community, especially the Lakeside Health Care Center during the years Alan was a resident. Tudy was chosen "Volunteer of the Year" in 2002. She loved to entertain her family and friends, tend to her flowers and yard. She enjoyed knitting, playing golf, and playing cards with her pals. Tudy loved to spend time with her family for holidays and special events. She enjoyed Christmas and would always make lutefisk, potato sausage, and lefsa.

She is survived by her children, Reed (Cindy) Pankake of Dassel, Steven (JoAnn) Pankake of Dassel, Pam Rodebush of Santa Rosa, California. Six grandchildren, Josh Pankake, Ali Pankake, Travis (Rhiannon) Pankake, Danielle Johnson, Justin Rodebush, and Chelsea Rodebush and six great grandchildren, Ayva Pankake, Lola Pankake, Ysabela Pankake, Will Pankake, Avery Johnson, and Gracie Johnson. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan, and her parents, Henry and Elva Anderson.

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
221 Atlantic Ave E
Dassel, MN 55325
office@glcdassel.com
<http://www.glcdassel.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Reed, Steve and Pam. So Sorry to hear about your mom. I remember a lot of good times that our parents shared together and i got drug along on as a kid. Tudy was such a good friend to mom and seems like they talked just about every night after the "Wheel" as they couldn't be interrupted during the show. When we were cleaning out pictures at Mom's we found a lot of pictures from the anniversary parties they shared together and found one with Al up at someone's cabin and gave it to your mom.....they had a lot of fun together .. Also remember the tomato growing contests between Jack and Al only to find out they both were spiking the tomato's with lead shot to have the heaviest tomato. The card crew was always up to something.

We had popped into to visit not too long ago and was good to catch up with her and share stories

Sorry to miss the funeral but I am in Japan right now but thoughts are with you as the "old card crew" is growing smaller and smaller.

Curt and Riko Alberts

Curt Alberts - September 08, 2019 at 07:35 PM

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“ Oh what a nice person. She always had a kind word.
R.I.P. ,

Wanda N

Wanda Narducci - September 08, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Blanche Elsie (Tudy) Pankake.*



September 07, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *What a wonderful friend Tudy was to many! We will forever be grateful for getting the chance to know her. She always had a smile (or sometimes smirk!) for us. She brought fun and laughter on every occasion. We are missing Tudy Pankake, but so happy for her peace and joy in Heaven. Love from friends & staff at Lakeside Apartments*



Deb Seaberg - September 06, 2019 at 04:01 PM



Tudy Tudy was a wonderful volunteer for us in the Activity Dept. at Dassel Lakeside! Especially for our monthly pizza party & when we made hardtack just to name a few Activities!

Sandy Freeman - September 06, 2019 at 07:30 PM



Reed and Cindy, my sympathies to you and your family.

Sue Senne - September 07, 2019 at 09:04 AM