



Marianne Elizabeth Ness

February 20, 1932 - August 26, 2020

Marianne Elizabeth Ness, 88, passed peacefully into the Lord's presence on August 26, 2020 after a 6-month challenge with leukemia. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Church in Cokato with Pastor Dave Mitchell officiating and the interment will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery following the service.

There will be a visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service at the Highland Community Church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to go to the Highland Community Church and the Dassel Food Shelf.

If you wish to attend the service, mask and social distancing are required.

For those who are unable to attend the service but wish to view the service. The service will be streamed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3-tpx1EdpToo_LThYtTcw.

Marianne Elizabeth Ness was born February 20, 1932, in the small town of Parkville, MN(near Virginia) to Jalmer and Hulda (Mursu) Johnson, the 5th of

6 siblings. She was baptized and confirmed in the Finnish Apostolic Church. She graduated as salutatorian from Mt. Iron High School in 1950. She went to Jr. College in Virginia, then graduated from Bemidji State Teachers College in 1954 with a degree in elementary education. It was at Bemidji State that Bob Ness saw her and said "This is the girl I hope to marry" and they celebrated 64 years of marriage on July 7. In the short years that followed their marriage, she was blessed with sons, Kenneth, John and Eric along with daughter Rebecca.

Marianne touched the lives of so many people in every community where she made her home. She also enjoyed traveling to the Holy Land, Australia, Scandinavia, Europe and across the U.S. with Bob as she marveled at God's creation of places and people. Marianne referred to her believer's baptism on February 2, 1969 at the First Baptist Church in Cokato as "the best day of my life." Her intimate walk with Jesus and growing faith was seen as she taught Sunday School, VBS, led women's Bible studies, served as a deaconess, and ministered to many in nursing homes and hospitals. Her volunteering continued into Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts and substitute teaching.

God's gift of hospitality meant that no matter the day or time, guests were always welcome for a meal, or a cup of coffee with her famous pies and treats. One of her favorite things was cooking goodies with each of her grandkids, especially at Christmas, making special favorites and traditional foods for family gatherings.

She was known as Grandma, Nana, and "Gigi" to her 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren who adored her, and much was the joy they brought into her life. There was nothing she loved more than to share life's moments with her family. Her love of music and Scripture was heard throughout her days. Her children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren learned many songs, poems and whimsical sayings that demonstrated her love of God and

sense of humor.

Marianne was preceded in death by her parents, sister Eleanor (& husband Alfred) Lahti, brothers-in-law Claire Christensen and George Martin and son-in-law Brad Thielsen.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Bob, sons Ken (Karen), Dassel , John (Sheri), Minneapolis, Eric(Julie) Ramsey, daughter Becky (Steve) Hoogenakker, St. Michael, grandchildren Stephanie and Adam Sarff, Kevin and Jennah Ness, Dan and Karla Ness, Tyler and Christa Thielsen, Anissa and Roope Reko, Kara and DJ Deeth, Caleb Ness, Luke Ness, Linnea Ness, Ben Ness. Great grandchildren, Noah, Emma, Whitney, and Jared Sarff, James, Jude, Caroline, Asher and Julia Ness, Jocelyn and Soren Thielsen. Siblings, Ed (Norine) Johnson of Alabama, Eldora Martin of Albertville, MN, Ruth Christensen of Evansville MN, Richard (Barbara) Johnson of Longview, TX.

Cemetery Details

Dassel Community Cemetery

23526-23574 County Rd 4,
Dassel, MN 55325

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street
Dassel, MN 55325
(320) 275-3381
jfhdassel@spectrum.net

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Community Church
13800 US-12 SW
Cokato, MN 55321

Tribute Wall

RU

“ Dear Mr. Ness and Family-
Please accept my heartfelt condolences with the death of your wife and mother. It is so true that a mother is the heart of the home and when she is gone there is a huge hole left behind! Keep your memories of her close to your hearts- you will never lose those!
With love and sympathy-
Ruth (Aho) Anderson

Ruth - August 29, 2020 at 04:39 PM

BO

“ Ness Family I am sorry for your loss please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Beth Oberg - August 28, 2020 at 06:52 PM

SH

“ Marianne was my Mother's beloved friend for 50 years. She will be remembered forever. My Mom, Arlene, sends her condolences and prayers to the family. I can share a special memory of my own happy times with Marianne. When I was a young girl, Marianne was my piano teacher. She knew that I preferred our post piano lesson craft projects to piano scales and practice. Our craft sessions seemed to be extended and the piano lessons were never demanding. I loved Marianne dearly. I have a lovely Holly Hobby framed picture that we made together. Decoupage was fantastic too. I offer my thoughts and prayers to you all, Shari

Shari (Hackbarth) Hunter - August 28, 2020 at 02:31 PM

BA

“ *Marianne and Bob were our neighbors in Paradise RV park and she was the sweetest lady we had ever met. RIP dear friend, you were loved.*

Beverly Arrowood - August 28, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 28, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 27, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 27, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 27, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marianne Elizabeth Ness.*



August 26, 2020 at 08:37 PM

GA

“ Dear Bob and Family...We pray for your wife and mother. Marianne was just the most beautiful lady who gave so very much to others and asked nothing in return. Our world has been blessed by this woman. Prayers and peace to your family.
Gary and Jo Musgrave

Gary - August 26, 2020 at 08:29 PM

WC

Wyn joins with me as we say thanks for the friendship, thanks for the hospitality, and "thanks for the memories". Marianne was truly "one of a kind" and loved by literally everyone with whom she was in contact. Our prayers to you Bob and your family. Wayne & Wyn Clews.

Wayne Clews - August 26, 2020 at 09:32 PM

WM

Bob & family --- what a joy it has been to get to know and interact with this wonderful women over the past few years. She was a gem, a gracious host, and a true friend to everyone she came in contact with. It is with the deepest sympathy that we say good-bye to her, but we know that this" world is not our home - we are just passing thru". May God be with you and your family during this time---John 14:27 ---Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto youYou are in our thoughts and prayers. Warren & Fran Mellema

WARREN MELLEMA - August 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

LD

Dear Bob, we are so happy we were able to get to know you and Marianne, we will always treasure our memories of her in Sun City, the delicious meals we shared and Dale says especially her cookies. It will not be the same without her here. Thinking of you and your family, hugs and prayers from Dale and Linda Darling

Linda Darling - August 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM