



## Carole Grace Arlene (Koistinen) LaBrant

December 2, 1931 - November 13, 2022

CAROLE GRACE ARLENE (KOISTINEN) LABRANT was born in Lake Norden, South Dakota to Emil and Selma Koistinen on December 2, 1931. She passed on to her Heavenly home on November 13, 2022, in Mounds View, MN, with family surrounding her bedside.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Thomas Darold LaBrant, her parents, her sister Ramona Barney, infant son Michael, daughter-in-law Angel LaBrant, great-granddaughters Tarryn McGhee and Violet Bender, and great-grandsons Kyler and Kamron Davis and Luke Bennett. She is survived by her children Carole and Randy Guffey, Faith and Paul Larson, Diana and Gaius Vainikka, Debbie and Dave Davis, Thomas and Joann LaBrant, Judi and Vince Bennett, Dawn and Charlie Davis, Stephen and Lisa LaBrant, and Roger LaBrant, as well as sister Marilyn Arrington, brother Myron Koistinen with wife Sandy, 54 grandchildren, 159 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Dorothy Kannianen, and a host of Christian friends.

Carole, known to friends and family as Grace, was raised in Lake Norden, South Dakota. Her family moved to the Minneapolis area in her teenage years, and she graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1949. She met Thomas "Darold" LaBrant, who had moved to the area after a short stint in the military. They were married December 7, 1951 in Minneapolis. They came into living faith early in their marriage, with Darold becoming a member

of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in 1956, and Grace in 1957. They raised nine children in Mounds View, MN, often traveling to meetings and visiting their Christian friends in other localities.

As a mother and grandmother, she is remembered for her love of babies and children, birds and flowers, and thrifting. Grace was a caretaker of others often thinking of their needs. She was a modest artist with paints and pencils, and loved puzzles. Her grandchildren remember her reading books aloud, and singing hymns and nursery rhymes. Their birthdays were highlighted by her phone call, and a birthday card with a neat handwritten script, often with a simple gift. Friends remember conversations that ended with the offer "Welcome over some time", no matter how many times they had visited before. Above all, she treasured her simple faith in Jesus, and shared how she had received it as a gift.

Visitation 6-8:00 PM, Thursday 11/17; funeral service 11:00 AM, Friday 11/18, all at Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 5617 Rowland Road, Minnetonka. Interment Old Apostolic Lutheran Cemetery, Delano.

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Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Old Apostolic Lutheran Church Cemetery (Delano)

8741 County Road 13 SE  
Delano, MN 55328

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church (Minnetonka)  
5617 Rowland Road  
Minnetonka, MN

## Church Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5617 Rowland Road  
Minnetonka, MN

## Graveside Service

NOV 18. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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