



## Delores Jean Kelly

April 30, 1938 - December 27, 2024

Kelly, Delores "Dodie" Jean Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully at her Coon Rapids home on December 27, 2024, at the age of 86. She is survived; daughters, Denise (Tom) Evans, and Ann Schulze; sons, Jim (Lisa), David (Amy), Mark, and Bob (Kelli). She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Kelly, parents, Orphie and Edith Bjerke, and brother Luther Bjerke. Dodie was born in Thief River Falls, MN and spent her childhood in Thief River Falls and in Minneapolis. She married Jerry Kelly in 1955, at the young age of 17. Together they found joy in parenthood raising their children in Coon Rapids. She always said she enjoyed every minute spent with her kids. She could be found cheering her children, then grandchildren at sporting events, and concerts. She was an accomplished seamstress and took pride in outfitting her daughters with the fashion of the time. She baked the best chocolate chip cookies and her spritz cookies at Christmas time are a treasured memory. She loved all things Christmas, and 64 of us gathered to celebrate Jesus' birth. Her grandchildren wouldn't want it any other way. Her memory was strong, and she would recite birthdays of all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, aunts and uncles, and friends back to her childhood. She is the keeper of the family stories and our history, and will be forever missed. Please join us to celebrate and give thanks for her life on Wednesday, January 8, at 11 AM with visitation starting at 10:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon

Rapids. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids  
11115 Hanson Blvd. NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Church Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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