



Eunice Arlene Luedtke

April 30, 1926 - October 29, 2022

Eunice Arlene Hopman was born April 30, 1926 in Saint James, to Martha (Munsterman) and John Hopman. She grew up on a farm with her parents and other 4 siblings. In her youth, the farm had no electricity and she told her kids stories about having to cut blocks of ice out of the lake in the winter and store them in sawdust to keep things cold in warmer months. The only heat in the house came from the kitchen stove; she and her brother were in charge of hauling wood and kindling into the house to keep it going.

Music was very important to Eunice. When she was young, she practiced piano and sang in the church choir with her father. Later, when she moved to Minneapolis, she joined the choir at Pilgrim Lutheran church and remembers a fellow in the back row of the bass section that was always cracking jokes. This fellow's name was John Luedtke; they started dating after he came back from a stint with the US Army, and they were married in September of 1956. Both John and Eunice continued to sing in the church choir their entire lives.

Eventually kids came around, and the couple moved their little family from south Minneapolis to the new suburb of Fridley. They, along with a few other families, started a congregation now known as Cross of Christ Lutheran Church; of course they formed and sang in the choir. In 1968 John bought a business in New Ulm and the family moved there for 5 years. Eunice was the bookkeeper for John's welding shop during that time. She also held down a

job in the printing department at Martin Luther College. In 1973, John sold his business and moved the family again to Cambridge. The kids all finished high school there, and Eunice had a job as a secretary at the senior high.

In 1986, with the kids out of the house, Eunice and John moved back to the northern suburbs to be closer to their friends from the church they'd started so long ago. Unfortunately, John lost his battle with cancer in 1989, and Eunice kept that house until 2017. She enjoyed sitting out on the deck in the back yard and watching the birds. She was never a fan of squirrels, and took it upon herself to eliminate more than a few from the neighborhood.

Eunice was also a big fan of the Minnesota Twins; she enjoyed watching the games on TV, or just listening to them from her deck. For her 90th birthday, the kids brought her to a game and the Twins generously gave their oldest fan a bag of autographed merchandise and a tour of Target Field.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband John, parents, and brothers Harold, Melvin, and Donovan. She is survived by her older sister Verna, and children Martha, Mark (Mary Jo), and Paul (Dana). She has 4 grandchildren too: Ashley (Mark), Brian, Sam, and Jon. She even has one great grandchild, Everly.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at The Commons on Marice in Eagan; their dedication and gentle kindness to the residents there is awesome.

Memorials are preferred to a favorite charity in her name.

Funeral will be held Sat Nov. 12th at 11:00 AM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 9931 Foley Boulevard NW Coon Rapids, with a visitation at 10:00 AM and reception to follow. Burial will take place Morningside Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
9931 Foley Boulevard NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Church Service

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Eunice Arlene Luedtke.*



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“ *I remember a family gathering, many years ago and my Aunt Eunie called me a " skinny little shit". Recently during a visit in St. James Minnesota an older gentleman came up to me and asked me if I was Eunice. What a great compliment.*

Love and Prayer Nancy Hopman Strupp

Nancy L Strupp - November 04, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *I got the pleasure of meeting Eunice several times at Paul and Dana's, she will be greatly missed by all for sure. RIP Eunice, to the Luedtke Family you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

My condolences, Jennifer Kelly

Jennifer Kelly - November 02, 2022 at 08:40 PM