



Grace Alvina Tollefson

January 31, 1927 - January 27, 2026

Grace Tollefson, our beloved 98-year-old resident of St. Michael, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in her home. Her passing was accompanied by the loving care of Lifespark Hospice, The Legacy of St. Michael Assisted Living staff, and her beloved family.

A memorial service will be held at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 5000 West 50th & Highway 100 in Edina on Monday, March 2, 2026. Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00, a memorial service at 11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorials be sent to Robin Hardisty at 10153 Karston Court NE, Albertville, MN 55301.

Grace was born on January 31, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She spent her formative years there and later married. She was raised with six sisters and one brother.

In 1956, the Tollefson family relocated to Big Lake. Grace dedicated her

career to the Big Lake Schools, working in the kitchen and eventually retiring in 1987 as the head cook of the high school. Additionally, she worked part-time at Engers Campgrounds.

Ten years after her husband's passing, Grace moved to the Legacy of St. Michael senior facility. She cherished her apartment and formed many friends there. Her life can be best encapsulated by five words: Family, Friends, Flowers, Food and Fun.

Grace enjoyed traveling to Arizona, to visit her family and friends. She also enjoyed engaging in crafts, camping, football, football pools and hosting family gatherings. Her kind and gentle spirit will forever be remembered and missed.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Tollefson, and her son, Gary Tollefson. She is survived by her three daughters: Judy (Tollefson) Juhl of Big Lake, Robin (Tollefson) Hardisty of Albertville, and Linda (Tollefson) Meetze of South Carolina; three son-in-laws, Chuck Juhl, Kevin Hardisty and Jesse Meetze Sr. Grace is also the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, great-grandmother of nineteen, and great-great-grandmother of eight.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Grace was a significant part of my growing up as she worked at my family’s campgrounds on Eagle Lake for many years. Grace always had such a warm smile and positive attitude, and was so pleasant to be around. My whole family appreciated her and all of her help, and I know our campers really enjoyed her as well. We were blessed by Grace’s presence.

My heartfelt condolences to all of Grace’s family. I know you will miss her dearly.

Laurie (Enger) Wokson

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