



Janet Dorothy LeMaster Orescanin

December 17, 1934 - January 23, 2024

Janet Dorothy LeMaster Orescanin, 89, beloved Mother, Grandmama and Great-Grandmama passed peacefully and gently from our arms, into the arms of our Lord. She was surrounded by the loving and devoted embrace of her daughters and grandchildren.

Janet was born in Duluth, Minnesota, to George and Marian Orescanin (LeMaster) in 1934. She attended Stowe School and Morgan Park High School, graduating with honors in 1952. Janet was admitted into St. Luke's School of Nursing, graduating in 1955 as a Registered Nurse. Shortly after graduating from St. Luke's, she married Robert Oulicky and they moved to the Twin Cities where they raised three daughters, but she remained ever committed to her Duluth roots. Janet was proud of her nursing career, working as an RN for Midway Hospital, North Memorial Hospital, Presbyterian Homes, and the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center.

In the sweet summer of Janet's life, she lived joyfully and in service to others. Janet was a life-long pianist, dabbling at times as a neighborhood piano teacher. She used her musical talents to serve her faith, shut-in communities, nursing home residents, and for the enjoyment of her family, but this was only one facet of Janet. You could have known her as a choir member, organist, tap dancer, clogger, church circle chairwoman, baker, active church member, Girl Scout leader, community volunteer, nurse, mother, grandmother, wife,

sister, neighborhood coffee party host, children's church leader, dog lover, very good neighbor, and abiding and loving friend.

In her retirement, Janet immersed deeply in genealogy tracing back her mother's line to "not the Mayflower, but probably the boat that came right after the Mayflower". Janet's grandparents came to America from Serbia (Yugoslavia at the time), giving Janet a personal understanding of the immigrant experience. Her parents, George and Marian, in partnership with the YWCA, operated the International Institute of Duluth in Gary/New Duluth, which administered programs and services to assist immigrant women and children with adjustment to life in the United States. Young Janet was a helper at the Institute and this part of her personal history informed her life-long interest in multinational culture and compassion for newcomers.

Janet will be remembered for her music, her sense of humor, her "cookies", her coffee cakes, the special way she loved the people in her life, and her commitment to our Lord. Janet's quiet strength, and her devotion to serving others and living a joyful life is carried on through her daughters and grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by former husband, Robert (Bob) Oulicky; son-in-law, Dr. Martin Weems, grandson, Robert Weems; parents, George and Marian Orescanin; and sister and brother-in-law Virginia and Herbert Day. She is survived by daughters Roberta Oulicky Weems, Kathleen Oulicky Weems, and Cheryl Oulicky Brown (David); grandchildren: Stephanie Weems Baker (Mickey), Ryan Weems (Lisa), Thomas Weems, Harrison Weems, Charles Weems, and Kathryn Weems; great-grandchildren: Dominic, William, Henry, Vincent, and Leo; special cousins: David Orescanin, Greg Orescanin, Jim LeMaster, and Bob Orescanin; brother Dick Orescanin (Janet); cousins, nieces, and nephews; and Mrs. Gerry Kuglin, beloved friend of 63 years.

The daughters of Janet Orescanin wish to express their deep appreciation to the 4th floor Gables staff at Johanna Shores (Presbyterian Homes), for the loving and dignified care and comfort of our mother during her residency there. Memorials may be offered to Presbyterian Homes and Services.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at North Heights Lutheran Church (Arden Hills location), 1700 West Highway 96, Arden Hills MN 55112 (enter door B on the east side of the building), with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Lunch to follow at the church. Washburn-McReavy 612-377-2203.

The service will be live streamed at: <https://northheights.church/messages/watch-live-arden-hills/>

A private family interment will be held at a later date.

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Susan A. - February 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM