



LaVerne Mary Manzke

October 21, 1926 - February 27, 2026

Manzke, LaVerne Mary (Warnke)

Age 99 of Robbinsdale, Minnesota passed away on February 27, 2026.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband Albert Manzke, Jr., sisters Viola (Alfred) Birkholz, Blanche (Mike) Vollbrecht, Joyce (Erwin) Wise; brothers Willard (Leola) Warnke, Eldon (Elaine) Warnke, Kermit (Muriel) Warnke, Kervin (Darlene) Warnke and Milo Warnke; Brothers-in-law Maynard (Lois) Manzke, Donald (Marilyn) Manzke, Richard Manzke, Sister-in-Law Marilyn (Edmund) Pietsch and nephews Roger Birkholz, Jim Gronewold, and Keith Warnke.

A wonderful wife, the best mother, grandmother and great-grandmother in the world, and friend: always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need - her spirit lives on in the hearts of those who knew her. Her recent conversations with others when age was mentioned, she would ask "who lives to 99 anyway?"

LaVerne was born on October 21, 1926, in Glencoe, Minnesota to Elizabeth and Henry Warnke and was the fourth of nine children. The family lived on a farm, so she learned a lot about gardening, hard work and helping take care of her younger siblings.

She was united in Marriage to Albert Manzke, Junior on June 12, 1948 in Hanover, Minnesota then moved to Minneapolis.

Numerous hours were spent at Bremer Elementary School volunteering and then a paid position became available in the Minneapolis School District. LaVerne retired at age 60 after 15 years of service for the Minneapolis School System (working mostly in the Special Education Department).

After the passing of Albert, LaVerne moved to Broadway Court Apartments in Robbinsdale Minnesota on September 1, 2000, where she lived the rest of her life. She loved it there; met so many nice people and had many friends. For about 12 years LaVerne had a craft group and worked on lots of craft projects and soft dolls. The craft group made 4,800 dolls with embroidered smiling faces on one side and crying faces on the other. The dolls were shipped to clinics in several countries like Jamaica, Guatemala, India, Indian Reservations and given to several clinics in Minneapolis for children who were afraid to see a doctor. LaVerne loved sewing and working on crafts and she made many silk flower arrangements for weddings. She always enjoyed coloring and working Cryptoquip puzzles, cooking and baking. LaVerne also helped at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, made many flower arrangements to sell, did the Newsletter and helped with counting the weekly collection and bank depositing until 2018.

Currently, LaVerne attends Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park Minnesota where her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren also attend.

One of LaVerne's most memorable days of the year is the Christmas family get togethers. The Manzke tradition is making homemade chicken noodle soup. This tradition has continued for years, and all family members enjoy that day so much.

LaVerne and daughters went on numerous R & J Tour bus trips through the years, always having a fun time and the family spent wonderful vacations at Manzke's Pine Island Resort on Lake Kabetogama.

Survived by four children : Kurtis (Janet) Manzke, Wynelle "Winnie" (Bill) Mack, Kallan Manzke and Donelle (Wayne) Harris; Seven Grandchildren Jason Spiczka, Samantha (Ross) Kelley, Adam (Christine) Manzke, Jess Manzke and Jason Smith, Jacob (Whitney) Manzke, Ryan (Annie) Mack & Allen (Amanda) Harris; Great Grandchildren Lilly, Quade, Blake, Gabe, Tearence, Baby Mack due in July, Kiara, Dalayna, Skylar, Lilian, Caleb, Hazel, Harlan, Eloise and Atlas. Also survived by two sisters-in-law, Wanda Warnke and Rose Manzke, brother-in-law Bob (Pat) Manzke, many nieces and nephews, cherished friends Ann Maczuga and Joe Zierden, Briana, Damian and Aviana Kemp and all other dear friends.

A Reviewal will be held Friday, March 6, 2026, from 10:00-11:30am, Service at 11:30am at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 7217 West Broadway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. (763-560-8958). Luncheon will follow. Interment Hillside Cemetery.

Washburn-McReavy - Hillside Chapel
612-781-1999

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Brooklyn Park)
7217 W. Broadway
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

Church Service

MAR 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs Manzke will always be one of my favorite childhood memories , I played with Donnell we used to have talent shows on the porch yes Winnie I still remember These boots are made for walking but your mom was so good to us what a blessing you had her for this long hi Kurt Hi Kellan, Donnelland Winnie*

Julie Heryla - March 06 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Such a beautiful woman. I know she will be missed. I loved talking to her on the phone and sending Aunt Laverne cards. Ever so often i would get a sweet letter from her keeping me up to date on her activities and the family.*

Connie (Warnke) McMillin - March 02 at 03:16 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Donelle has shared so many great stories with me. I wish I had the chance to have met her. She really did sound like the "best Mother in the world". Hugs to you all.*

Shelley Dressen - March 02 at 12:02 PM