



In Remembrance of

Norma J. Madsen

1940-2024

Celebration of Life for
Norma Jeanne Madsen

February 9th, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Anne Schaefer

Soloist: Taylor Quinn

Accompanist: Deb Fasanello

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Hallelujah

Solo

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Norma, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Norma was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

Video Slideshow

**Online broadcast will be muted for copyright*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:16-17

Read by Avery Duresky

John 14:1-6

Read by Elvina Nelson

SERMON

Pastor Anne Schaefer

MUSIC

In the Garden

Solo

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

POEM

Safely Home
Author Unknown

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Norma. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

Don't Cry for Me
Solo

Following the service, you are all invited to a luncheon gathering downstairs in the Community Room.

Norma will be interred at a later date with her beloved Darrell at a private family service.

OBITUARY

Norma Jeanne Madsen, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2024 at the age of 83.

Norma was born on December 20, 1940 in Atwater, MN to Elva Louise Britt and Grant Anderson, stepfather Leonard Meyer. She was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many with her kind heart, unwavering determination, and selfless nature.



Norma dedicated over 50 years of her life to her career as a hairdresser, bringing joy and beauty to countless individuals. She was known for her skills, creativity, and ability to make every client feel special. Norma's work was not just a job, but a true passion that allowed her to connect and care for others.

Beyond her successful career, Norma's greatest accomplishments were her family. She cherished her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life. Norma's marriage of 63 years stood as a testament to her commitment and love. She was a pillar of strength and support for her family, always leading by example and instilling strong values in her loved ones.

Norma's life was filled with incredible experiences and cherished memories. She had a deep love for travel and one of her greatest highlights was exploring the beauty of Hawaii. Norma also had a special talent for spoiling her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, ensuring they always felt loved and cherished. She had a heart for the elderly and opened her home and heart to them, sharing family gatherings and holidays to make them feel a part of her loving embrace.

Her dedication to serving others extended beyond her family. Norma was a devoted volunteer and with CAER for over 40 years. She selflessly gave her time and energy to help those in need, making a significant impact on her community. Norma's passion for crafts, flowers, birds, nature, and camping brought her immense joy, and she always found solace in the beauty of the world around her. She had a love for Christmas music and made sure her home was filled with its joyful melodies every holiday season.

Norma will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her infectious laughter, warm smile, and nurturing spirit will forever be etched in our hearts. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity that will continue to inspire and guide us.

Norma Jeanne Madsen is survived by her loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her memory will be cherished by all who loved her.

The service will be available at [youtube.com/@ElkRiverLutheranChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@ElkRiverLutheranChurch)



Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.