



*When tomorrow starts  
without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and  
called my name,  
And took me by the hand.*

*The angel said my place  
was ready,  
In Heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to  
leave behind  
All those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,  
I felt so much at home,  
For God looked down, smiled at me,  
And told me "Welcome Home."*

*So when tomorrow starts  
without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you  
think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.*

*Excerpt from "When Tomorrow Starts  
Without Me"  
By David M Romano*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Alma "Jean" Zimbrick

WHO WAS BORN  
January 5, 1927  
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME  
January 23, 2020  
Graceville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Friday, February 7, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.  
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
Graceville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT  
Rev. Donald Main

ORGANIST  
Missy Sigler

VOCALISTS  
Sue Sykora and Stacy Borgheinck

CASKET BEARERS  
Dennis Patrick Zimbrick | Darin Zimbrick | Kevin Peterson  
Greg Gray | Roger Carufel | Gary Hoffman

HONORARY BEARERS  
Jean's Nieces

INTERMENT  
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery  
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION  
Jean's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the burial, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship in the Graceville Community Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Graceville, Minnesota

Alma “Jean” Zimbrick, the youngest of ten siblings, was born on January 5, 1927, to Mads and Bodil (Olesen) Madsen at Holy Trinity Hospital in Graceville, MN. She was baptized on January 27, 1928, and confirmed on April 6, 1941, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Jean grew up and went to school in Graceville, graduating in 1944. After graduation, Jean and her sister, Betty, traveled by train to California by way of Oregon. They worked supporting the war effort as “Rosie Riveters” and were training in blueprinting when love called Jean back to Minnesota. She promised to return and marry Howard Zimbrick, which she did on October 17, 1945, in a candlelight service at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. After a honeymoon to Minneapolis, MN, they made their home on the family farm nine miles north of Beardsley, MN, where they remained until 1974. They then resided in Beardsley until Howard’s death in 2011. Jean moved to Graceville where she lived in an apartment, then Grace Village and Grace Home. They were blessed with four children and enjoyed watching them grow, teaching them family values and work ethics, and supporting them in school, sports, and music. Her grandchildren and great-grandkids were a special bonus in her life, and she loved hearing their stories and spoiling them.

Jean was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, American Legion Auxiliary, and Band Mother. She sang in church choir and an Ecumenical Choir group, and she was a busy mom and farm wife. After moving back to Graceville, she returned to her home congregation at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing Bingo, quilting, camping, wintering in Texas, and especially “cutting a rug” with Howie, her favorite dance partner. She and Howard loved entertaining and going out dancing. Jean always had her hair styled, lipstick on, and wore matching earrings and necklaces for every occasion. Jean wrote an article for the Ortonville newspaper titled “The Ink and Eye”, filling her readers with enjoyable tales. She was also a gifted writer of poems and talent shows for the area. Jean loved cooking...and experimental cooking...and was well known for fixing everyone’s favorite dish, sharing her goodies with friends and neighbors, and filling everyone’s plate. No one left her house hungry or empty handed. Her favorite time of year was Christmas, which she celebrated deep in Danish tradition by including tinsel, family, dinner, church, apple cake, and joyous singing until the wee hours of the morning.

Left to cherish her memory are sons: Dennis (Sharon) Zimbrick of Beardsley, MN; and Rob (Cheryl) Zimbrick of Graceville, MN; daughter, Jodi (Bob) Peterson of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren: Dennis Patrick Zimbrick of Sioux Falls, SD; Darin, Diatra, and Danielle Zimbrick all of Fargo, ND; Darcy (Bill) Sather of St. Paul, MN; Kayli (Josh) Siegfried of Sioux Falls, SD; Kevin (Kristina) Peterson of Sioux Falls, SD; and Kelsey (Chris) Tinklenberg of Otsego, MN; great-grandchildren: Sam and Hadley Siegfried; Dylan, Carly, and Lucas Peterson; Madeline Zimbrick; Desmond Sather; and Lacey, Gavin, and Halle Tinklenberg; brother-in-law, John (Patricia) Zimbrick of Madison, WI; precious nieces and nephews; and many friends, neighbors, staff, and residents of Grace Home. Her smile and conversation will be greatly missed.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; infant daughter, Bonnie Jean; sisters: Anna Dion, Lily Johnson, Harriet Hoffman, Jeannette Phebus, and Betty Fischer; and brothers: Elmer “Fatty” Madsen, Leigh Madsen, George Madsen, and Elmer Madsen; and relatives-in-law: Gordon Dion, Ernie Johnson, Vic Hoffman, Oliver Fischer, Harriett Madsen, and Bernice Madsen.



*Peaceful Rest...*