



In Loving Memory of  
*Patricia K. Tollefson*

January 8, 1932

August 1, 2019

**Service**

Monday, August 5, 2019 – 11:00 am

Bethel Lutheran Church

Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude Lorie Skaro-Johnson, flutist and Marie Nelson, strings  
Hymn #413 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Time of Remembrance

Scripture Psalm 121; John 14:1-6

Message Pastor Jon Dahl

Hymn #732 *Borning Cry*

Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Commendation and Blessing

Hymn #785 *When Peace Like a River*

Postlude Lois Dahl, accompanist

**Casketbearers**

Kristian Thonvold

Dain Thonvold

Justin Tollefson

Geoffrey Tollefson

James Tollefson

Andy Polzin

**Interment**

Norwegian Grove Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Gaylord, Minnesota

Patricia K. (Pat) Tollefson, 87, of Willmar died Thursday morning, Aug. 1 at Bethesda Grand after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Pat was born Jan. 8, 1932, in St. Paul to Walter (Jim) and Amelia (Mildred) Greeder. Pat graduated in 1949 from Mahtomedi High School and attended Bethesda School of Nursing for one year. It was through her dear friend at nursing school, Marian Antonson that Pat was introduced to the love of her life, Lloyd Tollefson. Lloyd and Pat were married Jan. 4, 1952, in San Angelo, TX where Lloyd was stationed with the U.S. Air Force. They lived in San Angelo until June of 1952 when Lloyd was sent to Europe to serve with the Air Force. Pat joined him in England in November 1952. They lived in England for two years and their two oldest children were born there.

Lloyd was honorably discharged in November 1954 and they returned to the U.S. and rural Gaylord, MN purchasing the family farm where Lloyd had grown up. They began their 40 years of farm work together learning all of the ins and outs of farming. She was truly a help-mate to Lloyd in all aspects of farming. They added two more children to their family while on the farm.

Pat was employed outside of the farm over the years, working at Fingerhut Corp. in the office of the Gaylord City Hospital and in the USDA Crop Reporting Division.

Pat could do anything she put her mind to and took up painting in oils and rosemaling. She was a skilled seamstress and knitter, talents she passed on to some of her grandchildren. Pat had taken violin as a child and when Lloyd bought her a violin after their children were grown, she began playing again, sharing her music at nursing homes and events in both the Gaylord area and Willmar where she and Lloyd moved after retiring from farming in 1995.

The coffee pot was always on at Lloyd and Pat's home and there were always homemade treats to go with the coffee. She made 12 loaves of homemade bread each week and her children recall having "store bought" bread only once when Pat was ill.

She and Lloyd were members of the Sons of Norway and after moving to Willmar Lloyd and Pat joined Bethel Lutheran Church and became active in the Senior Citizens Club where Pat served a term as President. Lloyd and Pat were crowned the Willmar Fest Senior Citizen King and Queen in 2001.

Pat is survived by her devoted husband of 67 years, Lloyd; four children, Stephen (Margaret) of Mankato, Kathleen (Gary) Thonvold of Willmar, Jeffrey (Eileen) of Cold Spring and Sharon Tollefson of Willmar; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother Russell and sister Susan, both of Stillwater; as well as several brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers, Jim and Bert.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to all of the staff at Bethesda Grand for the loving care given to Pat during her 7 year stay there.

Harvey Anderson  
& Johnson  
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## Celebration of Life



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