



*I believe that I cannot by my own  
 understanding or effort  
 Believe in Jesus Christ my Lord,  
 or come to him.  
 But the Holy Spirit has called me  
 through the Gospel,  
 Enlightened me with his gifts,  
 And sanctified and kept me in true faith.*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Marvine Juliette**  
**Obermeier**





**M**arvine Juliette Obermeier, age 93, of Watertown, SD, formerly of Clark, SD, passed away on August 23, 2025, at Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown.

Marvine Juliette was born Christmas Day, December 25, 1931, at Hettinger, ND, to parents Marvin and Ruth (Muggerud) Fromdahl. Marvine moved with her parents and younger sister Jeanne from North Dakota in 1938 to a farm north of Wallace. In 1940, the family moved to the farm west of Bradley. She attended the Finstad School and then Bradley High School graduating in 1949. She was confirmed at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Marvine began singing for funerals, along with her sister Jeanne, when she was in eighth grade. Later, younger sister Wendy joined in and the Fromdahl Sisters sang for many weddings, funerals and at supper clubs for over 55 years. Her parents bought her a piano, and while in high school, Marvine taught herself how to play by ear. Lawrence Welk was her inspiration. Music was always a very big part of her life.

On July 20, 1954, she married Carl "Fritz" Obermeier in Denver. They farmed near Crocker for many years where they raised their six children. The couple moved to a home on Lake Kampeska near Watertown in 1993. In 2004, they purchased the Clinton Clark farm in the Crocker Hills and lived there until 2014 when they moved to StoneyBrook Suites Assisted Living in Watertown. Fritz passed away in 2017. Marvine moved to Avantara in Watertown on October 10, 2023.

After graduating from high school, Marvine worked at the Clark County Extension Office at the courthouse. Marvine also taught music for one year at Bradley High School. She later held positions at Western Area Power in Pierre, Smith Equipment and Slumberland Furniture in Watertown.

She was a member of the Crocker Lutheran Church where she served as the organist for more than sixty years. Marvine was also a member of the Crocker WELCA. She played piano in Watertown at MacGregors, the Galley, Lake Shore, and the Drake and continued playing when she resided at StoneyBrook and Avantara.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, her son Jacob Obermeier, her granddaughter Nichol Moes Lotzer (Eric) (daughter of Kipp and Betty), her great- grandsons Tucker (son of Gannon and Brandi) and Grey Benson (son of Colette and Tim), her son-in-law Fred Van Gilder and her sister, Jeanne (Bill) Obermeier, along with many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-laws.

Survivors include her children and grandchildren, Pam Van Gilder and her children, Gannon (Brandi) Van Gilder, Xaina Tack, Sutton and Gradee; Dustin Van Gilder; Lucas (Sara) Van Gilder, Turner and Teagan; and Grant Van Gilder; Carla (Charles) Obermeier and their children, Colette (Tim) Auvenshine and Gunner Benson; Brad Obermeier, Nick and Emily; Scott (Becky) Obermeier, Matthew and Michael; and Gates Hough; Chess (Maureen) Obermeier and their children, Kira (Tom) Obermeier, Greta and June; and Tess (Guido) Baligioni and Mary; Kipp (Betty) Obermeier and their children, Jeremy (Kara) Moes, Deegan and Paxtyn, Baylee (Ari Fishman) and Maxx Obermeier; Bill Henry (Krystin) Obermeier and their children Ava and Henry; and grandson James Obermeier. She also leaves a sister, Wendy (Rod) Christman and their children, Kyle (Amber) Christman, Abby and Jack; and Kallan (Chris) Massa; her sister-in-law Jean Obermeier, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In Loving Memory of

## ***Marvine Juliette Obermeier***

December 25, 1931    August 23, 2025

### ***Funeral Service***

2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 31, 2025

Crocker Lutheran Church  
Crocker, South Dakota

### ***Clergy***

Minister Marion Grimes

### ***Music***

Jean Obermeier - Musician

*Because He Lives* - Wendy Christman, Fred Obermeier, and Pam Van Gilder

*Sweet Hour of Prayer* - Baylee Obermeier

*It Was Almost Like A Song* - Ronny Milsap

*Heaven Came Down* - Recording by the Fromdahl Sisters

### ***Pallbearers***

Marvine's Children

Pam Van Gilder    Carla Obermeier    Chess Obermeier

Kipp Obermeier    Bill Henry Obermeier    James Obermeier (Representing his father, Jacob)

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Marvine's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

### ***Ushers***

Fred Obermeier    Ted Obermeier

### ***Interment***

St. Thomas Cemetery  
Rural Crocker, South Dakota

