AS I SIT IN HEAVEN AND WATCH YOU EVERYDAY, I TRY TO LET YOU KNOW WITH SIGNS I NEVER WENT AWAY. I HEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING, AND WATCH YOU AS YOU SLEEP. I EVEN PLACE OUR ARMS AROUND YOU TO CALM YOU AS YOU WEEP. I SEE YOU WISH THE DAYS AWAY, BEGGING TO HAVE US HOME. SO I TRY TO SEND YOU SIGNS SO YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE. DON'T FEEL GUILTY THAT YOU HAVE LIFE THAT WAS DENIED TO ME. HEAVEN IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL, JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE. SO LIVE YOUR LIFE, LAUGH AGAIN, ENJOY YOURSELF, BE FREE. THEN I KNOW WITH EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE YOU'LL BE TAKING ONE FOR ME.



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Jeanette A. Swanson, age 85, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Jenkins Living Center in Watertown.

Jeanette was born November 1, 1934 in Dows, IA to Clifford and Ethel (Torper) Knox. She attended school in Clark, SD.

On February 12, 1955, Jeanette married Eugene Swanson in Honolulu, HI. They made their home wherever the US Army needed them including Washington State, Indiana, Hawaii, and Germany. In 1962, the couple made Watertown, SD, their permanent home with their sons, Michael and David.

Jeanette worked for the American Legion Headquarters for 28 years. She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as Northeastern Auxiliary and Eastern Star. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends, paying extra attention to her grandchildren.

Known as "Granny-Babe" to all her grandchildren, she embodied the true meaning of love, gentleness, and never-ending strength and compassion.

Jeanette was also very devoted to serving her church in any capacity she could, from organizing Grandma's Attic, making lefse, or organizing packets for Lutheran World Relief. It was obvious her strength and inspiration came from all the wonderful people at Grace Lutheran that shared their time and spirit with her.

She enjoyed retirement wintering in Arizona with Gene, where they made many lifetime friends and memories through organized potlucks, game nights, and dancing.

Jeanette is survived by her sons: Michael (Tammy) Swanson of Citrus Heights, CA and David (Judith) Swanson of Watertown; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, and a godchild, Lisa Dawson of Britton. She is also survived by her sister, Darlene (Burton) Langendorfer of Omaha, NE, her brother Jack (Sharon) Knox of Watertown, sisters-in-law Darla Knox and Sandy Knox, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sisters Donna Clyde and Ann Ludwig, four brothers, Ron, Jerry, Roger and Dennis Knox, and three infant brothers.



The family of Jeanette Swanson thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of Jeanette Swanson



Services from

Grace Lutheran Church Watertown, South Dakota Monday, March 16, 2020 1:30 PM

Officiant Reverend Cheryl Rondeau-Basset

Music

Organist—Marcia Jelsma Soloist—Becky Sprouse Solo-"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" "Borning Cry" "Amazing Grace"

Interment at a Later Date

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota



Following the services, please join the family for refreshments & a time of fellowship in the church fellowship area.