

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of  
Anna Mae Sjogren  
May 8, 1932 – July 27, 2023  
Date of Service: August 19, 2023 - 11:00 am**

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**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

+Hymn *Amazing Grace*

UMH #378

**Psalm 23 (unison)**

**The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to break down and a time to build up;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek and a time to lose;  
a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

**John 14:1-4**

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

**Remembering Anna Mae**

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

+Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

**Family Reflection**

**Community Reflection**

+Hymn *On Eagles’s Wings*

UMH #143

**Pastoral 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, the power, and the  
glory, forever. Amen.**

**Commendation**

+**Benediction**

+Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

UMH #77

**Postlude**

Northfield United Methodist Church  
Pastor Rachel McIver Morey  
Robert Henstein, Organist

*Immediately following the service, you are invited to join the family  
for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.*

## Anna Mae Sjogren

Anna Mae Sjogren, age 91 of Northfield, passed away peacefully, with family by her side, on Thursday morning, July 27, 2023, at Evergreen Lodge of the Northfield Retirement Community.

Anna Mae (Wolford) Sjogren was born May 8, 1932, in Fox Lake, Minnesota to Wendell and Helen (Jorgensen) Wolford. She was raised in Welcome, Minnesota, and in 1951 graduated in the top 10 of her class (of 10) at Welcome High School. Following high school, she attended training at the Western Union Offices in Minneapolis for an automated operator and then worked at the Fairmont Railway Motors.

On September 14, 1952, Anna Mae married Roger Eric Sjogren at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (now St. Paul's UCC) in Welcome. After marriage, they traveled to Oklahoma while Roger served in the Army and was deployed to Panama Canal. After Roger got out of the Army, they made their home in Bloomington.

In 1961, they moved to a farm north of Northfield where they farmed crops. In 1963 they had a son - Karl Roger and in 1965 they had a daughter - Kristen Marie. In October 1969, they purchased the Hillcrest Motel in Northfield and operated it for over 25 years. In 2000, they sold the motel which later became the Manger Inn and is now currently Hillcrest Village. Roger passed away on May 6, 2002. In retirement, Anna Mae spent much of her time volunteering with the Northfield Hospital Auxiliary, the United Methodist Church, and Northfield Hospice.

Anna Mae was a longtime member of Northfield United Methodist Church where she sang in the Adult Choir, contributing to many committees, and the Northfield Hospital Auxiliary. She loved to golf and was a member of the Northfield Golf Club for many years. She enjoyed playing cards including Bridge with friends and neighbors, and quilting. She was strong-willed, passionate, adventurous, caring, and loved by many.

Survivors include her son Karl (Amanda) of Tallahassee, Florida; her daughter Kristen Haines of Apple Valley; 3 grandchildren Zachary Sjogren, Nikki (Brian) Grablin and Rachel Haines; 4 great-grandchildren Jaxon, Mason, Aubri and Karson; 2 brothers Billy Wolford of El Paso, Texas, David (Cindy) Wolford of New London, Wisconsin; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother Kenneth "Duke" Wolford.

Interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Northfield Hospital Auxiliary or Breast Care Center - Northfield Hospital & Clinics.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home.  
[www.northfieldfuneral.com](http://www.northfieldfuneral.com)



*Anna Mae Sjogren*

May 8, 1932 ~ July 27, 2023

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