

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Mary Jane Goertz**

July 31, 1924 – April 21, 2026

Date of Service: Friday, June 5, 2026 – 11:00 am

Prelude *Moonlight Sonata*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome

Words of Grace

Opening Prayer

+Hymn *Amazing Grace*

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Psalter

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Readings Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Meditation

Special Music *I know Who Holds Tomorrow*

Kevin Allin

Family Remembrances

Shirley Peroutka
Lisa Skluzacek

Centering Prayer Singing Bowl

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

+Hymn *I'll Fly Away*

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+Blessing

+Dismissal

Postlude *Prelude in C*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Northfield United Methodist Church

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Joanne Rodland, Pianist

Kevin Allin, Vocalist

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

Mary Jane Goertz

Mary Goertz died Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Reflections Care Center in Northfield, Minnesota at the age of 101. A lifelong resident of the Northfield area, she witnessed a century of profound change with grace, love, and a cheerful heart. Mary began her working career at Malt-O-Meal, then served at the counter at Quality Bakery for several years before hiring on at the Montgomery Ward store in Northfield where she worked for many years. Vibrant and adventurous she became a snowbird after retirement, wintering for 30 years in Bonita Springs, Florida.

She is survived by her five children, Jane Skluzacek (Jerry), Judy Clements, Jim Peroutka, Larry Peroutka, and Shirley Peroutka (Ron Riegert); her nine grandchildren, Lisa Skluzacek, Steve Skluzacek, Aaron Clements, Brent Clements, Cody Peroutka, Josh Dale, Tristan Peroutka-Bigus, Nathan Peroutka-Bigus, and Alex Peroutka-Barcia; five great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many devoted friends both in Northfield and Florida. She is predeceased by her three sisters (Laura Finger, Eula Trip, Verna Haines) and five brothers (Everette Hamann, Lester Hamann, Maynard Hamann, Milton Hamann, Kenneth Hamann) and her long-term loving partner Ed Miller as well as former husbands Joe Peroutka, Eon Tufts and Ervin Goertz. Mary was cherished by all who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements are with the Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home. www.northfieldfuneral.com



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