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Judy Rogne, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and child of God. Judy Rogne of Minocqua, WI, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2024 at the age of eighty-one. She was a very sociable person that loved meeting new people and making new friends. She will be dearly missed by the many people she touched during her lifetime.

Judy was born in Manitowoc, WI on January 7, 1943 to Clarence and Florence Popelar, the oldest of four children. They lived in Francis Creek, WI. Her father, Clarence, was deployed to Europe six months after her birth to fight with the army in WWII. After returning home from the war, they continued to live in Francis Creek until 1955 when they moved to Mishicot, WI. Judy was a spunky little girl with beautiful black curly hair. Always the tomboy, Judy held her own with other boys in the neighborhood. Her siblings appreciated her toughness and knew they could count on her to always back them up.

Judy graduated from Mishicot High School in 1961. One year later, she married Gene Rogne from Valders, WI. They lived in Newton, WI and had three children, Lisa in 1963, Mark in 1965 and Amy in 1969. While raising their children, Judy worked for several businesses in the area, most notably the

Branch River Country Club in Branch, WI and Holy Family Hospital in Manitowoc, WI.

Judy was very creative and loved art and music. In high school, she played the drums and won a scholarship to a percussionist clinic in Madison, WI. After high school, her hobbies included making crafts and painting with acrylic paints. Every year, she made Christmas ornaments for everyone in her family, including the grandchildren later in her life. She also enjoyed being part of the bell choir at Faith Lutheran Church in Valders, WI, often mouthing the beat counts while swinging the bells. But perhaps her greatest gift was storytelling. She was never short on words on any topic.

After retirement, Judy and Gene moved to Minocqua, WI in 1997. They lived on a beautiful 12-acre wooded property, where she enjoyed gardening and her crafts. She quickly became involved in the community, joining Ascension Lutheran Church and the Northern Wisconsin Decorative Artists. During this time, Judy also worked at Thompson's Thunderbird Resort in Lac du Flambeau, WI.

For the past three years, Judy lived at Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff, WI. At this facility, Judy was able to get the care she needed and live comfortably. The staff at Milestone did a tremendous job with her care.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Gene Rogne, her parents Clarence and Florence Popelar and her sister Diane Forsyth. She is survived by her sister Janet (Rick) Reichardt of Chapel Hill, TN, her brother John (Darlene) Popelar of Manitowoc, WI, two daughters, Lisa (Mike) Bruehl of Manitowoc, WI and Amy (Paul) Pflieger of Minocqua, WI, son Mark (Sue) Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, eight grandchildren, Michael Emond of Manitowoc, WI, Adam Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, Melissa Emond of Peshtigo, WI, Evan (Megan) Pflieger of Minocqua, WI, Jacob Rogne of Littleton, CO, Kelsey

(Trent) McClure of Austin, TX, Mason Pflieger of Minneapolis, MN and Emily Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family was able to celebrate her life in a joint service with her husband Gene on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7937 US Hwy 51, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, WI.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I really enjoyed working with Judy. She was so fun loving and kind. We shared many stories of our families. Because Gene worked for the County, and my late husband worked for the City, We kept our department updated on all snowstorms .I'm glad that your parents had so many wonderful retirement years up north. I am so sorry that you lost both of your parents, but they are together forever,

Sue Hablewitz - January 30, 2024 at 10:59 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Rogne family. Judy was so kind and fun to talk with. I remember always feeling so good after talking with her.

Jan Szalewski - January 30, 2024 at 09:59 PM

JD

“ I am so sorry to read of Judys' passing. I worked with thus wonderful, kind, & sweet lady at Holy Family Memorial. And might add, she loved Snicker candy bars. We shared many. She was the most empathic I knew. I loved working with her. It was a good shift when I worked with your Judy.

Joan Dvorak - January 30, 2024 at 08:32 AM