



Marlene Akerson

October 26, 1942 - January 5, 2026

The funeral service celebrating the life of Marlene Akerson, a resident of Galeon Care Center in Osakis and formerly of Menahga, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9, at the RELAYT Church (formerly First English Lutheran Church) in Menahga. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in the Menahga City Cemetery.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to the RELAYT Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Page

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Marlene, age 83, passed away with family at her side on January 5, 2026, at Galeon Community Care Center in Osakis, MN, with compassionate care by the staff and CentraCare Hospice.

Marlene was born to Edward and Marcella (Handorff) Walther on October 26, 1942, in Glenwood, MN. She attended school in Villard and later took a cooking class at the Detroit Lakes Vocational School.

After meeting Richard Kirckof, they were married July 30, 1960, made their home in Brooten, MN, and raised six children. They later parted ways. On August 28, 1974, she married Russell Akerson and was blessed with another child.

Hours away from work, Marlene liked to cook and bake. Everyone raved about her cooking! Her family thought of her as a social butterfly as Marlene loved to visit often with friends and would play BINGO every night if she could; and enjoyed listening and dancing to old-style country music. Outdoors, Marlene liked to fish either from shore, in a boat, or on ice! All her life she had a soft spot for animals including most recently, her Shih Tzu named, Bunkers, and Oscar, a cat she rescued. Most of all, she liked to be with her family for gatherings and her grandchildren's activities. A faithful servant of God, Marlene leaned on her faith during the hard times in her life.

Preceding Marlene in death were her husband, Russell (1979); parents, Edward and Marcella; sons, Alan and Kevin Kirckof; infant brother, Charles; granddaughter, Aleshia Greenwaldt; sons-in-law, Gary Odland and Jeff Greenwaldt; parents-in-law, Birger and Winnifred (Oslund) Akerson; and partner, Stan Sakkinen.

Surviving Marlene are her children: Mark (Kara) Kirckof of Brooten, Tammy (Gene) Odland of Browerville, Kurt (Yvette) Kirckof, Brad (Kristie) Kirckof both of Sauk Centre, and Tanya (Marwin) Akerson of New London; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; along with extended family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Marlene's granddaughters and all of her great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dakota Elmore, Aaron Kirckof, Emmit Kirckof, Daniel Kirckof, Parker Daniels, Matthew Kirckof, and Tyson Whitaker.

Cemetery Details

Menahga Cemetery

5th St. SE
Menahga, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

RELAYT Church (former First English Lutheran)
17 Main St. NW
Menahga, MN 56464

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 9. 12:00 PM.

Menahga Cemetery
5th St. SE
Menahga, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlene Akerson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 07 at 03:54 PM

PP

Kurt & Yvette & entire family...we are sorry for the loss of your mother, prayers 🙏 and hugs to all, what a Beautiful Angel in Heaven

Paul & Karen Petzold - January 08 at 09:32 AM

JN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jo Nash - January 08 at 11:47 PM

KF

“ *Kent family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Marlene Akerson.*



Kent family - January 08 at 01:12 PM

TS

“ The Sakkinen’s purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marlene Akerson.



The Sakkinen’s - January 08 at 12:48 PM

TS

“ The Sakkinen’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Akerson.

The Sakkinen’s - January 08 at 12:48 PM

CM

“ Cabin Friends: Dima and Masha purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marlene Akerson.



Cabin Friends: Dima and Masha - January 08 at 11:34 AM

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Cabin Friends: Dima and Masha - January 08 at 11:34 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 08 at 09:33 AM



“ Love, Scott & Michelle Tomford purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Marlene Akerson.



Love, Scott & Michelle Tomford - January 08 at 09:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Marlene Akerson.



January 07 at 05:49 PM



“ Ed & Judy Flath purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Marlene Akerson.



Ed & Judy Flath - January 07 at 05:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marlene Akerson.*



January 07 at 04:07 PM

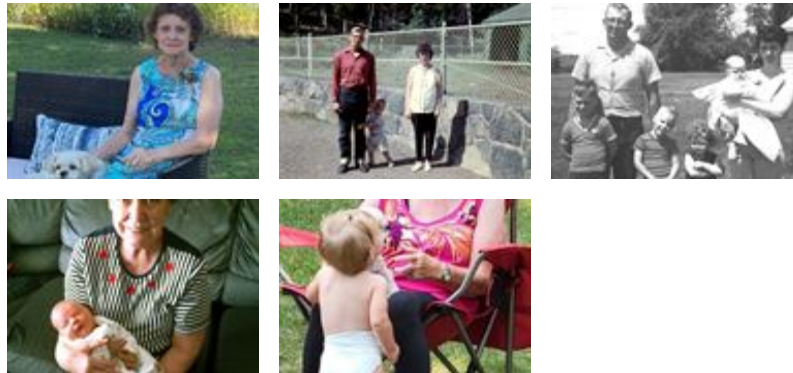


“ *Monya and Shawn Kalkbrenner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Akerson.*

Monya and Shawn Kalkbrenner - January 07 at 04:07 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 07 at 03:51 PM

NL

“ *New London Sons of the American Legion purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marlene Akerson.*



New London Sons of the American Legion - January 07 at 01:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlene Akerson.*



January 07 at 12:45 PM