



## Jeanette O. Pangrac

August 12, 1927 - March 14, 2023

Jeanette O. Pangrac, 95 year old resident of Upsala, MN passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Upsala Senior Living in Upsala. A Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Gethsemene Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN with Mavis Buker officiating. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Friday and from 10 to 11 AM on Saturday all at Gethsemene Lutheran Church. Caring for Jeanette and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel serving Upsala, MN.

Jeanette Olive Holmen was born on August 12, 1927, to the late George and Olive (Johnson) Holmen. She grew up near Upsala by Cedar Lake. Jeanette graduated with the class of 1945 from Upsala High School. After graduation, she attended the Minnesota School of Business and became a secretary and worked in Minneapolis. Jeanette married Vernon Pangrac on September 18, 1948 at the Community Covenant Church in Upsala and they were married for 72 years. They spent the majority of their time farming near Upsala where they raised three boys. In 1966 she became the High School Secretary in Upsala and retired from there in 1992. Jeanette always enjoyed outdoor activities including swimming and fishing, as well as watching her boys and grandchildren play sports. She spent a lot of her time cooking and baking for family and friends. She enjoyed the many travels she and Vern were able to do during their married years. Jeanette will be remembered as a loving, caring person. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and

friend.

Jeanette is survived by her three sons and their families, Dale (Carmene) Pangrac of Lewiston, Dewey Pangrac of Grey Eagle, Dan (Vicki) Pangrac of Bowlus; brother, David (Shirley) Holmen; sisters-in-law, Fran Holmen, Carolyn Holmen, Marlene Anderson and Pat Pangrac; grandchildren, Kimberly Olson, Kristi, Adam, Michael, Jessie and Jordan Pangrac; great-grandchildren, Mallory, Gavin, Amelia Olson, Mae and Brooklyn Pangrac.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, George and Olive Holmen; husband, Vernon; brothers, Dennis, James, Leonard Holmen; daughter-in-law, Judy Pangrac; brothers-in-law, LeRoy and Gaylord Pangrac, Jim Anderson; sisters-in-law, Peggy Holmen, Ardie Pangrac.

# Cemetery Details

## Gethsemane Lutheran Cemetery

Upsala, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
155 Walnut Ave. West  
Upsala, MN

## Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
155 Walnut Ave. West  
Upsala, MN

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
155 Walnut Ave. West  
Upsala, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeanette O. Pangrac*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM

DG

“ *I was lucky to marry into the Pangrac Family and will never forget Jeanette. Vernon and Jeanette welcomed us at their farm when we took the kids on a cross country motorhome trip from California. Vernon hit the jackpot when he married her. She had that special gift that made you feel loved and warm in her presence. I know it is hard to describe but I think anyone that met her will know what I am talking about. I attached a few photos from our trip. She will be missed.*



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**Dave Gibbs** - March 16, 2023 at 10:57 PM

DP

“ I had the most wonderful opportunity to spend my summers on the farm with Vernon and Jeanette when I was little. One year I flew back before the rest of the family and stayed for a month. Jeanette had me busy taking bread soaked in milk to feed the kittens in the loft of the barn and helping out in the kitchen to feed all the boys. She was so loving and caring and at the same time she was such a strong (and tall) woman that I wanted to be just like her. What an amazing woman to keep up with everything at the farm for all those years! When we left that summer, I got to pick out a kitten to take home. I remember my Dad found an old Kaiser that he bought and we towed it all the way back to California. Looking out the back window, we watched as Daiquiri was jumping up in the air chasing moths. When they came out to California years later, they didn't recognize the cat as one from the farm because it was so much bigger than their barn cats...so they called her "the Minnesota cat that went to California and made it big!"

When I was able to go back and bring my kids, they got to have the farm experience as well. Jeanette was so good with my son which I know she had lots of practice and my daughter was helping out right by Jeanette's side. My kids still refer to the farm as the place where they got to ride quads, check out the airplanes and where they got to see a snake barf up a frog (cuz they had to keep messing with it). What great memories.

I'm happy today to think of Vernon and Jeanette together again and I'm sure in heaven they have a great big farm and are living happily ever after. Love you always and forever!

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Danette Pangrac - March 16, 2023 at 10:48 PM

DG

“ I have wonderful memories through the years with Aunt Jeanette. When I was younger we would go to the farm and Aunt Jeanette would take me out to collect raspberries on the vine. My sister Danette and I would take asphalt tiles from the roof and "ride" Hobo the Saint Bernard around the farm. When my family traveled in our motor home to visit, Jeanette and I had a wonderful conversation about how she saved her money from her job to buy her boat. She also said she was so proud of me because I reminded her of herself. I was super independent as a kid and wasn't afraid of doing anything. That was Aunt Jeanette. I love the photo of all of the family with their archery pose. I also took archery and loved it. I have so many wonderful memories of her laugh and how she took care of her men! A life well lived. I love you Jeanette!

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**Denise Pangrac Gibbs** - March 16, 2023 at 09:43 PM

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“ Danette & Denise Pangrac & families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeanette O. Pangrac.



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**Danette & Denise Pangrac & families** - March 16, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeanette O. Pangrac.



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March 16, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 16, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Jeanette O. Pangrac*.



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March 15, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Jeanette O. Pangrac*.



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March 15, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jeanette O. Pangrac.



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March 15, 2023 at 02:44 PM