Obituary

Velva June Martinie, 97, of Morton, passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at Reflections Memory Care in Morton.

She was born October 3, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Willard and Gertrude (Marsh) Jensen. Velva June married Bill Martinie on August 27, 1950, in Kenney, Illinois. He preceded her in death in 2009. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Cecil Jensen; one brother-in-law, Lyle Martinie; one sister-in-law, Shirley Jensen; two sons-in-law, Steve Nauertz and Larry Menold and six grandchildren.

Surviving are daughters, Linda Nauertz of Geneva, Illinois, Marcia Menold of Morton, Illinois and Connie (Larry) Stephens of Morton, Illinois; son, Gary (Kathryn) Martinie of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Tracie (Zach) Johnson, Jesse (Jen) Menold, Jake (Becca Perry) Menold, Callie (Shaun Cole) Stephens, Casey (Jessica Bumbalough) Stephens, Dan (Ashley) Martinie and Mike (Chelsea) Martinie; siblings, Marvin Jensen of Kenney, Illinois and Keith (Betty) Jensen of Normal, Illinois; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Velva June graduated from Illinois State University in 1950. She taught elementary school in Cuba, Illinois, for one year. Velva June was a substitute teacher in Minonk, Illinois, until they moved to Morton, Illinois, in 1967. She taught math for more than 15 years at Morton High School, retiring in 1988.

Velva June and Bill enjoyed traveling in their RV and spending winters in southern Texas. They enjoyed square dancing, playing dominos and card games. Velva June loved spending time with her family and friends. She found great enjoyment attending the activities of her children and grandchildren.

Velva June was an active member of Morton Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and directed the children's choir. She sang in the Kidney Benefit group for several years.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to everyone at Hollybrook Assisted Living, Reflections Memory Care in Morton and Transitions Hospice for your heartfelt care. We are deeply grateful for the kindness, compassion, and loving care provided to Velva June. Thank you for doing so much to make her feel at home and for treating her with such warmth and dignity. Your care and support meant so much to Velva June and to our entire family.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Celebrating the Life of

Velva June Martinie



October 3, 1928-September 15, 2026

11:30 AM
November 14, 2026
Morton Methodist Church
Morton, Illinois

A Service of Death and Resurrection

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. -Psalm 23:4

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Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Prayer

Hymn* *In The Garden #314*
I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
Chorus
And he walks with me and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.
Chorus

I'd stay in the garden with him
Though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.
Chorus

Words of Remembrance
Special Music

Psalm 121

Philippians 4:4-9
Message

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn**- *How Great Thou Art #77*
1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

Refrain

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Indicates to please stand in body or spirit.*

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Bill Novak
Pianist: Jane Chapman
Musicians: Marla Graff and Heather Berger
A/V Technician: Carter Jones