

**Ethelyn J. Gadway, 70**  
**Sartell, MN**  
**June 8, 1947 - Dec. 16, 2017**



Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud for Ethelyn J. Gadway, age 70, of Sartell and formerly of Sauk Rapids who died Saturday, Dec. 16 at Quiet Oaks Hospice House. Rev. Todd Mattson and Rev. Timothy Routh will officiate and burial will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud.

Ethelyn was born June 8, 1947 in Brainerd to Kermit and Mildred (LeSuer) Thiesse. She graduated from Washington High School in Brainerd in 1965 and married Paul Gadway on Sept. 9, 1966, at First Presbyterian Church in Brainerd. Ethelyn earned her undergraduate degree and Masters of Education from St. Cloud State University. She spent her entire teaching career with the St. Cloud

School District and spent many years teaching special education at various elementary schools. Ethelyn spent her last years teaching students at Clara's House, a position that was dear to her heart. After retiring from teaching full-time, she continued to work with students in the St. Cloud School District by completing special education assessments, a role she held until her health no longer allowed. Ethelyn was passionate about quilting, gardening, traveling, and baking. She enjoyed volunteering at church, especially with the Santa Lucia Festival and the Benton County Fair where she served as the Secretary of the Benton County Ag Society and as the Superintendent of the Ag Craft Building. She also volunteered with 4-H and at the Paramount Theatre. Ethelyn was a kind, social person who enjoyed helping others and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church for 45 years prior to transferring to Living Waters Lutheran Church in Sauk Rapids. She was also a member of St. Cloud Heritage Quilters.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Paul, of Sartell; daughters, Lisa (Tom) Raymond of Rochester, Sheila (Sean) Grambart of White Heath, Ill.; grandchildren, Kyle, Matt, Kylie, Justin, Jackson, and a large loving extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Fred.

Memorials are preferred to Clara's House or Quiet Oaks Hospice House.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).