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The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with...and remember that time waits for no one.

So, stop waiting...

until your car or home is paid off, until you get a new car or home, until your kids leave the house, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you finish school, until you get a divorce, until you get married, until you have kids, until you retire, until summer, until spring, until winter, until fall, until you die.

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*Sophia Amelia DeVos* was born on January 18, 1933, to Alais and Svenina (Larsen) Thooft in Limestone Township of Lincoln County, Minnesota. She was raised and attended country school near Minneota, Minnesota and was baptized at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Minneota. In second grade, she moved with her parents to Marshfield Township. She continued her education through 8th grade at Tyler Public School. At the age of 40, Sophie attended night classes to complete her education and earn her GED diploma. On October 10, 1953, Sophie was united in marriage to James Joseph DeVos. The couple made their home in Marshall, Minnesota until they moved to Tyler in 1959. Sophie worked for Lincoln County Social Services for five years and was employed part-time with various organizations including Western Human Development, Coast-To-Coast, and Thomsen Hardware. She also helped with the Lyon and Lincoln County census in 1980 and 1990. James preceded Sophie in death on September 8, 1992. In order to be near to her family, Sophie relocated to North Mankato, Minnesota in November of 2020. She died peacefully on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at Oak Terrace Assisted Living in Mankato at the age of 88 years and 2 days.

Sophie was a member of St. Dionysius Catholic Church in Tyler, Minnesota where she was confirmed and held several offices. She also served her community as a 4-H leader, service unit chairman for Tyler Area G.S., Community Chest secretary and treasurer, and Meals on Wheels coordinator. She was a member of the REM and PTA boards.

Sophie is survived by her children, Priscilla (Don) Hughes of Lake Benton, Minnesota, Brenda Vander Sluis of Sartell, Minnesota, Beverly (Dan) Sommervold of Mankato, Minnesota, and Janine (Paul) Matzke of North Mankato; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Alfred Thooft and Doris Vermiere. She was preceded in death by her husband, James; son, Joseph; son-in-law, Jeff Gilbertson; four brothers, Henry, Alvin, Julius, and Oscar; and sister, Emma.

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**Interment**

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