



## Joyce Renee Hegstrom "Bubbles"

December 29, 1954 - August 11, 2021

Joyce Renee Hegstrom "Bubbles", 66, of Minneapolis, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on August 11, 2021.

Joyce was a unique and colorful woman! She loved to spend time with friends to share excellent wine (especially champagne) and good food (more potatoes, please!); shop for dramatic clothing and statement jewelry; and take road trips to explore modern art galleries and fun shops. She delighted in finding new pieces to add to her huge amazing collection of wine-themed mixed media art—prints, sculptures, purses, figurines and more—many of them custom-made.

Joyce also loved to read contemporary fiction; keep up with her favorite television shows and movies; and carry on her parents' tradition of spending time each winter in Mesa, AZ, making several especially fun side trips to Palm Springs and Santa Fe—two of her favorite places.

Joyce was born and raised in Minneapolis and lived there throughout her life. She graduated from Edison H.S. and the Minnesota School of Business. She was a long-time employee of the U of M Carlson School of Management, providing stellar and loyal support to the Labor Education Service in her Executive Assistant role. Joyce's side job was working with local distributors to offer wine tastings, at which her bubbly personality and sincere appreciation for vino charmed and educated customers. Through both careers she formed lasting friendships with many diverse people and groups that appreciated her fine and fun qualities.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Werner and Marian Hegstrom. She is survived by her loving sister, Marlys Hegstrom (Steve Packard); many relatives; and a multitude of others who will greatly miss her.

A brief graveside service will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Cemetery, 2250 St. Anthony Blvd NE, Minneapolis. All who wish to attend are welcome

(please wear a mask). A Celebration of Life will take place on a date TBD. Memorials can be made to Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church Foundation.

Joyce left us far too soon. May many glasses of champagne be raised in her memory, and may she Rest In Peace in God's loving care.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)  
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall

SS

“*Joyce and I met at Surdyks 19 years ago  
We credit the store for bringing us together.  
She was my dear friend. She introduced me to Salon Champagne and I  
introduced her to lobster races on NYE! We had so much fun! From dinner parties  
of the best risotto or pizza! She was such a great pal. I mean that the way it  
sounds, our friendship was timeless. I will miss her. So very, very much.*

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**Sheila Stewart** - August 25, 2021 at 10:34 PM

JF

“*Joyce and I were colleagues in the Industrial Relations Center (IRC) at the  
University of Minnesota from 1983-2008. She was the administrator of the Labor  
Education Service and I was a faculty member in the industrial relations  
department. Faculty members seldom realize how essential administrators are for  
how well the university operates and accomplishes its many varied objectives. At  
various times, I was Director of the IRC and later Associate Dean of the Carlson  
School during 2005-2007, so I had the fortunate opportunity to benefit from  
Joyce's work. An administrator could do a competent job just handling everything  
from 9 to 5, but an excellent administrator would also be an enthusiastic advocate  
of her unit and someone who would offer unsolicited advice that you would  
recognize after the fact, you should have realized or known. Joyce was a straight  
shooter whose word you could rely on. She also realized that not every decision  
could be in her favor or the favor of her unit and held no grudges. She was a  
person I always was glad to see and work with. She always had something new  
going on and a new surprise for everyone. If the world were filled with people like  
Joyce, going to work would be much better. It saddens me to know she is gone,  
but gladdens me to know that there are many, like me, who remember how she  
brightened our lives and helped accomplish a better future.*

*John Fossum*

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**John Fossum** - August 24, 2021 at 04:56 PM

“ Joyce was one in a million.

*She and I worked together throughout her entire career at the previously named Industrial Relations Center ("IRC"), which is now dubbed the Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies ("CHRLS"). The Labor Education Service ("LES") was/is a unit in this department.*

*I could be mistaken but I think that at one point during her tenure with the LES, she assumed the title of Associate Director. Throughout her career, she worked with series of LES Directors, all fine people, and all of whom left the LES' day-to-day operations to Joyce. As the IRC's Director for several years, Joyce was the person to whom I turned to with matters involving the Minnesota labor movement's continuing education needs, the University of Minnesota-LES budget questions, LES staffing, awards and so forth arose. She was, without question, the LES' "Chief Operating Officer."*

*She made working with her enjoyable. A super, gregarious personality: Always smiling; and Always in good humor. She was an important face of the LES. She was well known throughout the state's labor community as a "go to person" regarding matters of involving the UM - LES - Minnesota's Labor Movement. Like I said, she was an exceptional woman..*

*Over many years, on scores upon scores of occasions, Joyce was at the table planning the IRC's statewide and Twin Cities labor-management relations conferences. She would help to organize and host our in-state and out-of-town guests from far and wide: Washington, D.C., Europe, China, Korea and so forth. When it was our turn to host the national meeting of such groups as the Industrial Relations Research Organization and National Academy of Arbitrators, Joyce was at the helm.*

*On a personal level, Joyce was fun, enjoyed her work and the friendships she established.*

*Having retired from the UM 15 or so years ago and having moved out-of-state, I haven't seen Joyce in years. But I remember her vividly and fondly. She's the kind of person that leaves an imprint, an impression of affability and goodwill that is never forgotten We were friends. She will be dearly missed.*

*Mario ("Mike") F. Bognanno  
Professor Emeritus*

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James Brummett - August 23, 2021 at 10:48 PM

HK

“ I keep hearing Joyce's explosive laugh. You just never knew when something funny or ridiculous (or maybe even gossipy) would call it forth. But whatever it was, it was impossible not to join in and chuckle. It was impossible not to be filled with the boundless joy of it. No matter what was going on her laugh would always make me feel better. Sometimes it would even slice through the quiet hum on the 4th floor of the Carlson School of Management building as it bounced along the hallways, turning corners to reach my office. Joyce's laugh. It always put a smile on my face. I always had to get up and go find out what was so funny and would usually be rewarded with an echo of the original laugh and a glowingly smiling face. I wish I could feel it's joyful power one more time. Thank you, Joyce. I will miss you.

Howard Kling - August 23, 2021 at 06:32 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Betsy Kremser - August 23, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James Brummett - August 22, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Jones - August 22, 2021 at 01:32 PM

KP

“ I was saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. Joyce was one of the first to welcome me when I started a new job at the U of MN years ago. I'll always remember her smiling face and her great sense of humor. Sending thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Price

Kathy Price - August 21, 2021 at 03:22 PM

AR

“ Dear Marlys,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember her infectious laugh and her love of a good time. The many dinner parties and of course some bubbly to go with the meal.  
She was truly one of a kind and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace. Arla

Arla Jane Rost - August 20, 2021 at 01:57 PM

CJ

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Curt Jerde - August 20, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MW

“ *The nickname "Bubbles" was so appropriate for Joyce, Not only because she loved all things wine and champagne, but because that was her personality. Always happy and full of joy - she was bubbly.*

*Joyce worked part time for the Financial Services office on and off through out her retirement. She was always willing to help and she got things done. Our team enjoyed lots of laughs, lunches together and learning about Joyce's latest shopping finds from Dillard's.*

*She will be missed.*

*Michelle*

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**Michelle Wills** - August 20, 2021 at 11:52 AM

XT

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about this sudden news. The last email I received from Joyce was on 8/10. Although we haven't met each other in person (I joined Carlson during the Pandemic), we exchanged many years about P Card reconciliations. Joyce was always a hard-working person who followed up to resolve the issues and willing to help others, especially newcomers.*

*Rest in peace!*

*Shelley*

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**Xuelai Tan** - August 20, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Joyce Renee Hegstrom "Bubbles".*



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August 19, 2021 at 09:26 PM

RC

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Joyce’s passing. When I first started working at the U of M Labor Education Service in the 1990s at the old building, the office Joyce shared with Vicki Lachelt was the heart of the department. There was often food there and it was the place for fun conversations. Joyce orchestrated the parties at conventions that brought people across the labor movement together.

*Joyce and Vicki kept track of the rest of the LES staff, a collection of independent-minded folks who were often working out in the field. The two (and later Joyce alone, after Vicki’s retirement) provided connection among us and with the community. And Joyce managed the finances, reports, etc. that made it possible for the department to run.*

*All of her time at LES and after her retirement, working for CSOM, Joyce took the time to ask about me and my family and really listened when we talked. My daughters remember Joyce inviting them over to her home when they were kids, seeing the amazing art and kitsch she collected and taking them to the Mall of America.*

*Joyce was fun, dedicated and gracious and took the time to care about other people. I’m sad she gone.*

*Randy Croce*

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**Randy Croce** - August 19, 2021 at 11:37 AM

LM

“ Beautifully written tribute! You truly captured Bubbles! She will be missed SO much by so many.

*LeAnn Micek*

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**LeAnn Micek** - August 18, 2021 at 05:38 PM