



Joyce Marie Sorenson

October 6, 1928 - October 17, 2019

Sorenson-Rettmann, Joyce (Clor), age 91, went to be with her Lord, on October 17, 2019. She was a longtime resident of Bloomington, MN. Preceded in death by; her husband "Ed" of 52 years and her second husband "Mel" of 12 years, also by her parents and 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She was born in Alexandria, NY and grew up in Batavia, NY. She received her BA from Albany State University and then joined the US Air force to see the World. She earned her MA while in Texas at Trinity University. She was stationed at Lackland Air Force where she met Ed and married in 1952. They came up to Minnesota where they would raise their four children. She had a long and successful career as a Sales Manager with World Book Encyclopedias, earning many awards over the years. She did substitute teaching into her 80's because she loved it. Joyce was a ball of fire, always on the go. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Joyce's greatest joy was her love for the Lord. She was a longtime member of Hope Presbyterian Church, and then Normandale Hyland United Methodist Church. She was active in: Bible studies, choir, serving homeless, prayer groups and all kinds of committees. Joyce loved to travel and instilled that into her children. She saw Europe, Mexico (parasailed at age 74!), Hawaii, Belize (mission trip, age 76), Israel (with her church, age 78). She loved visiting family and friends across the county. She traveled to Colorado, age 90, for grandsons HS graduation and was so proud to be there. She started every day with daily devotion and prayer time where she would remember all her family and those in need. She was an avid bridge player and swam daily. Joyce finished her earthly walk enjoying time at Presbyterian Homes, in Bloomington, MN. She was a longtime resident and was known by all as an ambassador. She would walk the entire complex delivering bulletins and stop and greet each person she met. She was loved by many. She is survived by Eric (Bette Anne) Sorenson, Julie (Dave) Engel, Peter Sorenson, Meta (Mike) Van Skiver. She is also survived by 6 stepchildren: Sheldon (Roiann) Rettmann, Melanie Clark, Leon (Carol) Rettmann, Lisa Irving, David Rettmann, Robert (Nancy) Rettmann. She had many grandchildren and great grandchildren, whom she adored! Memorial services will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 16th at Normandale Hyland Methodist Church Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN. Cards may be sent to Washburn-McReavy, Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN, 55431

Comments



“ All of us at Trinity University would like to convey our sincere condolences on the loss of Joyce Sorenson-Rettmann. We are proud of our alumna and her contributions, and remain grateful for being a part of her journey. Please know that your family is in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Finnelly, Senior Director for Alumni Relations
Trinity University

Ryan Finnelly - November 15, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Auntie Joyce has always shown love to us since we were young. She'd get down on our level to play games or talk. And she listened. There was 1 time that she got down on the floor w/ other cousins & myself at my (step) grandma's funeral. No one else seemed to realize that we were sad & dealing w/ our 1st loss. She was so down to earth!

As an adult, I lived out of state, but Aunt Joyce would try to come to Duluth to see me whenever I was able to go there to visit my siblings; & she was always welcoming if I had a chance to visit her in Bloomington! There were several times that she & Uncle Ed let me stay w/ them as I was traveling w/ a stop at their house.

She was the last of the matriarchs in our side of the family. The glue that held her family together.

She leaves a legacy of faith & love.

I will miss her. I pray for each of her children, my cousins, who will have a void that the Lord will need to heal. Praying for peace & comfort, & treasured memories.

She was married to my dad's brother, Uncle Ed, & it is a joy to think of them together again, along with so many other loved ones.

Joanie Sorenson Shew - November 10, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ I love my Aunt Joyce and I know my dad thought the world of his sister. I was told the first time my dad took my mom to meet his family and they got out of the car and my Aunt Joyce ran up to my dad and jumped into his arms to give him a big hug! My mom came from a pretty cold family and made the comment "Is that how brothers and sisters are supposed to be?" That is my Aunt - always ready to give love and affection to anyone and everyone. I say "is" because I know she is in Heaven right now with my mom and dad and older brother loving on them and them on her and when my time is done here I will get to see her again - and then I will never ever have to say "good bye" again - EVER. Love you Aunt Joyce - hold that hug for me! :)

