



## Janet Lorraine (Erickson) Casanova

October 14, 1932 - December 27, 2022

Casanova, Janet Lorraine (Erickson) died peacefully on the morning of December 27, 2022 at the age of 90. Jan was born on October 14, 1932 in Columbia Heights MN, the youngest child of William and Alice (Larson) Erickson. She graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1950 and was named Queen of the Columbia Heights Jamboree that same year. With the secretarial skills she acquired in high school she landed her first job in the law department at the Twin Cities Arsenal. Jan enjoyed a professional career that spanned more than 40 years as a legal and executive assistant in downtown Minneapolis.

On New Year's Eve 1952 she met the love of her life, Leonard Casanova. Forever the romantic, he proposed on Valentine's Day 1954 and they were married a year later, on May 28, 1955. In 1958 they built their dream home in St. Anthony Village MN where they raised two children, Karen and Paul. Their home was the center of all family celebrations, including graduations, anniversaries, and Thanksgiving dinners for 50 or more. Jan loved nothing more than a house full of people!

While she was an exceptional wife and mother, nothing brought Jan more joy than the role of grandma. Her four grandchildren were the light of her life. She retired in 1997 to focus on them and to spend more time at the cabin she and Len bought in Northern Minnesota, their favorite place on earth.

Jan is preceded in death by her parents and by her brothers Allen, Donald and Robert. She is survived and dearly loved by her husband of 67 years Leonard (Cas), children Karen (Freya Richman) and Paul (Susan), cherished grandchildren Peter, Abby, Emma and Samuel, sister and best friend Margaret Proft, and many special nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Memorial service on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 11:00 am with an opportunity to greet the family beginning at 10:00 am at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights, 1555 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights MN 55421. Luncheon to follow the service. Private interment at Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to First Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights  
1555 40th Avenue NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

## Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jan was one of my mom's favorite relatives, as well as mine. I fondly remember going to Len and Jan's house as a little boy and hanging out with Paul and Karen. My last memory of Jan and Len was when they brought rice pudding to my mom a few days before her death. I will be thinking about all of the Casanovas and the many memories I have, while praying God comforts them during the difficult days ahead.

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**Dave Stinson** - December 30, 2022 at 10:10 PM