



## Joan M. Arneson

September 27, 2012

Arneson, Joan M. (Togstad) Mom passed away at her home in Edina on Thursday, September 27. She was born in Janesville, WI with twin sister Jean on June 26, 1935, to Russell and Ethel McFarlane. Mom grew up in Madison, WI with her sister Jean and brothers, Jim and Timothy. Over 50 years ago, mom moved to the Hopkins area with husband John (Dick) Togstad. She was the proud mom of Mary, Terri, Jim and Joe Togstad. For a number of years Joan worked at the Fifth Avenue Salon where she welcomed and befriended many. This time was most special to her because of the wonderful people that came into her life and the great loving friendship with proprietor, Marc Mickelson (Joseph Saavedra). Joan was a woman who 'turned heads'; with her style and warm welcoming heart. This was doubled when she and her twin sister, Jean were together. The two of them seemed to have magical powers that enticed others to want to be a part of whatever they were doing, talking or laughing about. Joan continued to 'live it up' best she was able, despite her rapid decline. Family and friends could see her health failing, however, she never spoke of her illness; remaining determined to do things her way. Joan regained her 'light' when Jean arrived; over 2 months ago, to be at her sister's side. Jean inspired and lifted Joan to heights that absolutely no one else could do. The depth of gratitude our family feels towards this act of pure love will forever lift our hearts. At her passing - her dear friend, Geri Sautier was at her side; loving and comforting her, just as she did throughout the years. Joan was deeply loved and adored by her husband of over 20 years, Lyle Arneson.

Lyle will constantly be missing the love of his life. Over the years they enjoyed traveling to many beautiful places, making new friends wherever they went. They especially loved becoming "snowbirds" and their extended winters in Florida. Mom, we thank you for the wonderful memories of fabulous meals, back scratches, August trips to the cabin and vacationing in Fort Myers Beach. Survived by husband, Lyle, daughters, Mary (Madison, WI), & Terri (Paul Peterson); sons, Jim (Sandy), & Joe (Kim) Togstad - of Mpls. area; grandchildren, Jourdan, Spencer, Michael, Danny, Allison, Brianne, Broten, Willie, McKenna, and Katie; her sister, Jean (Wallace) Kingsbury (Brick, NJ); sisters-in-law, Shirley McFarlane (Atlanta, GA) and Mary McFarlane (Waunakee, WI); many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors; step-children, Kris (Clint) Cutler & Bryan (Carol) and grandsons, Andrew and Benjamin Cutler. Mom was preceded in death by her beloved parents, her brothers and her '4-legged child' Baby. Memorials may be made to Caring and Sharing Hands, Hospice Care, or donor's choice. Funeral service Wednesday, October 3 at 12:00 PM at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave So., Minneapolis. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday, October 2 from 4:00-7:00 PM at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Service

OCT 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
5025 Knox Ave S Mpls  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan M. Arneson.* ”



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