



Joan M Bergquist

December 13, 2015

Bergquist, Joan M. Age 82, passed peacefully in the embrace of her children on December 13, 2015. Born in Warroad, Minnesota, Joanie's mother died shortly after childbirth. She was raised in Shotley, Minnesota by Ben and Mabel Goranson, her mother's identical twin, who had given birth to a baby girl just a day before. The Goranson family ran the Shotley Country Store at the crossroads just below the south shore of Upper Red Lake. Joanie graduated from Kelliher High School and married her high school sweetheart, Harley Davidson from Waskish, Minnesota. They had four sons - Bill, Guy (Amy), Steve (Meg), and Kevin (Lori) Davidson. When Harley died in a car accident, Joan went back to school and raised four boys while working full time. Several years later she married again and gave birth to Robert Stenhammer (Heidi). Joan worked at Normandale Community College for approximately 20 years, and was married to Bill Bergquist in 1980. Survived by her sister Sue Jones, she was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Neal and Marty, sister Barb, and her husband Bill Bergquist. Her five sons (Joanie was proud to say she raised five adults) gave her 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and counting. All who knew her remember her beauty, her positive spirit, and her many talents in all facets of life. Memorial Service Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 11:00 am, with visitation one hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

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“ Our sister, Meg Davidson, was very lucky to have such a kind mother-in-law. Joan was always warm and gracious to our family, and she and her husband Bill were good friends to our mom and dad, Dorothy and Ken Mitchell. I can actually picture Joan's smile, and I don't remember ever seeing her without it!

*Katherine Mitchell
Paula and Bruce Lisowski
Shelley Schaaf
Mary Ellen and Tim Kochery*

Katherine Mitchell - January 12, 2016 at 01:30 PM

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“ Your 500 Club Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan M Bergquist.



Your 500 Club Friends - January 09, 2016 at 10:34 AM

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“ As I struggled with life in Bemidji, Joan offered me a bedroom in her home in Bloomington, MN. I, too, was divorced. I was without a job and she gave me the chance of a better life; a new chapter! I am forever grateful. We had been good friends from childhood, riding the same school bus and attending the same 4H meetings. Joan was a sensitive, caring friend. I wish I had stayed in touch with her, as our lives went down different roads. I send my sympathy to you, her sons, and families. I also send my love. I am now widowed and live in Roseville. Maxine Rennemo Petrowske Sandvig.....651-483-6008

Maxine Rennemo Sandvig - December 24, 2015 at 12:11 AM