



Joan Marie Bower

September 28, 1928 - May 19, 2020

Of Roseville. MN

Joanie's generous heart that gave her energy for 91 years of a fully lived life stopped on May 19th, 2020.

She was born to Joseph Francis and Emelia Veronica Groebner in Waseca, MN where she grew up with and married Thomas Edward Bower. Joan and Tom raised five children in St. Paul. While being a great mother she dedicated many volunteer hours to Corpus Christi Church and developed impressive sewing knowledge and skills. Playing bridge with some exceptional, life-long friends was an important part of her and Tom's life. Joan dedicated much of her life to her family and grandchildren, but still found time for adventures. She and Tom traveled the world. She skied, canoed, and biked with her friends. She would say "you can't live your life afraid" and she didn't.

Joan is survived by: her 5 children, Mary, John (Karen), Jim (Sue), Ann Weber (John), and Amy (Paul McKinney); her brother, Jim Groebner and sister, Mary Jo Upson; grandchildren, Toni, Chris, and Adam Bower, Thomas and Hazel McKinney, Emelia and Andrew Weber. Proceeding her in death are: husband Tom; siblings Mildred Fisher, Agnus Lund, Elmer, Hubert, Albert, Leo, Gene and Harold Groebner and Marjorie Swanberg.

Private burial at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Marie Bower



December 14, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ On behalf of the Thomas Berry Family [Tom, Jamie, Allison and Megan] (Rochester, MN), I would like to express our sympathy to the Bower Family. We are sorry for your loss.

Thomas Berry

Thomas Berry - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ You are all nestled in my thoughts and prayers. I am so glad I was able to know Joan. To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is to never die.

Al Batt - May 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My prayers of comfort and blessings to Mary, John, Jim, Ann, Amy and all of the family. Joanie lived a long and wonderful life but that doesn't stop us from feeling pain and loss. She made my life so much richer. I will never forget the wonderful holidays my family shared with yours. She made everything special. Joanie was a real beacon of spirituality and now we know she is with the angels.*



Mary Kay Upson - May 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carla and I extend our deepest sympathies to Aunt Joanies family. We wish you peace during this difficult and confusing time.*



Jim and Carla Groebner - May 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM