



## Joan Virginia Braun

November 25, 1934 - November 20, 2021

Braun, Joan V., age 86, formerly of Madison, WI, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 20, 2021, in Plymouth, MN. She was born on November 25, 1934, on the J.B. Jensen farm outside of Askov, MN, to parents Clifford and Nanna (Frisendahl) Krantz. She was the loving wife to Russell Braun for 62 years, and mother to Kim Bond, Michael Braun (Julie), Scott Braun (Carol) and grandmother to Jacob & Mackenzie Braun, Michael Braun, Tamra (Tim) Petzel, Kaitlin (Cole) Grunseth, Melissa Braun and Jennifer Tornai, and great-grandmother to Haylie, Gage, and Lennon.

Joan graduated from Askov High School, Askov MN, in 1952, attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter MN, from 1952-1955 studying Social Studies, and received a B.A. in Education from the University of Minnesota in 1969. She worked as a substitute middle school and high school teacher in the Minneapolis MN school system for 10 years. Occasionally she found herself in a classroom with one of her children, to their chagrin.

Never sitting idle, Joan was an active community volunteer for the American Girl Benefit Sale run by Madison WI Children's Museum, Madison Area Who's New organization, Mothers Singers, Brownie and Girl Scouts and a local election judge. She was a long-time member of Luther Memorial Church, Madison, WI, serving as the Supervisor of Christian Education, communion assistant and as a member of several committees.

Joan was the curator of family history. She loved to talk and share stories of her Swedish heritage. In her grandmother's brown trunk, she collected pictures and artifacts that held four generations of family memories. It is an archeological dig of family heirlooms, layers of paper, photos, and family treasures. Remembrances that she passed down to the next generation.

Joan (& Russell) enjoyed traveling around the world, including Europe, Russia, China, the Holy Lands and even the Panama Canal. Hobbies included reading, genealogy, craft projects, and gardening. Several times a week she could be found playing a competitive game of Bridge with friends and clubs. Most recently she spent time each day writing personal notes and cards to celebrate special events and stay in touch with friends and family. Receiving letters, pictures and cards were a highlight of her day.

Joan is survived by brother Galen (Verna) Krantz, sister-in-law Karen Krantz other extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Russell, daughter Kim Bond, and brother Arlen.

Celebration of Life Thursday, December 9th at 11:00 AM at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, 17205 County Rd 6, Plymouth MN 55447. Visitation one hour prior to service, at the church. Private family inurnment at Vilstad Lutheran Cemetery, Bruno, MN. Memorials preferred to the American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association or charity of donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church  
17205 Co. Rd. 6  
Plymouth, MN 55447

## Memorial Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to you in the loss of your mother and grandmother, I am from the Bruno/Askov area. My parents, Adrian and Elizabeth Pearson Berglund were good friends with Nan and Clifford Krantz and Joan and I went to the same school. I remember being a server at Joan and Russell’s wedding reception at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Seeing her obituary in the Askov American brought back good memories of her and the family. May you have many good memories to cherish.

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**Carol Berglund Headman** - December 16, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Virginia Braun.



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December 08, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ My name is Carol Anderson Barney from West Yellowstone, MT. - I’m DeEtte’s daughter. I’m pleased to say that Joan and I had been in correspondence over the last two years all because she contacted me via mail with different envelopes full of old family pictures. Many of these photos were from days growing up in south Minneapolis.

I’m saddened to hear the news of her passing and wishing her family wonderful memories.

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**carol anderson barney** - December 06, 2021 at 10:00 PM

BB

“ Jo was a special person for me - knowing, as she did, my Berglund family members in and around Bruno, MN. She and I traveled to Askov for the funeral of my uncle, Adrian Berglund. Russ and Jo were always happy to house college choir members singing on tour at Luther Memorial. She always thought the Danish hymns of her childhood to be too somber in tone! Many happy memories of life together at Luther Memorial, and the wonderful European tour of 1990. God rest her soul in peace. In Christ's love, Bruce Bengtson. (Retired Director of Music - LM)

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**Bruce Bengtson** - November 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM