



Joan Rae Mankowski

March 2, 1931 - September 18, 2023

Joan Rae Mankowski, 92, died peacefully, Monday, September 18, 2023 at the Benedictine Care Center in New Brighton, MN.

Joan Rae (Smith) Mankowski was born March 2, 1931 in Duluth, MN, the daughter of Ernest and Meryl (Flood) Smith. She attended Duluth schools and graduated from Denfeld High School in 1949. She married Florian J. Mankowski on February 3, 1951 at St James Catholic Church in Duluth.

Joan was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother!

She was devoted to her family and worked for many years at Glass Block in Duluth. She enjoyed the cabin, sewing, dancing, reading, word puzzles, playing cards, cooking, baking and spending time with friends and family.

Joan and Florian spent almost 30 years in Cape Coral, FL enjoying retirement and the Florida lifestyle.

Joan is survived by her husband Florian; daughter Patricia (Eric) Refsdal of North Ogden, UT; and sons Mike (Karen) Mankowski of Oak Park Heights, MN and Cape Coral, FL; Kenneth (Linda) Mankowski of Carlton, MN; and Richard Mankowski of New Brighton, MN. Joan is also survived by four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other precious family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Robert (Virginia) Smith; and daughter-in-law Karen Mankowski of New Brighton, MN.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time. Arrangements are by Holcomb-Henry-Boom Funeral Home in Shoreview, MN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deepest sympathy to Florian & family. Joan was a great Rummikub player & a voracious reader, Shoreview Senior Living will miss her.* ”



Jenny Paterson - September 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM