



Joan Patricia Nelezen

September 7, 1930 - February 17, 2024

Joan Nelezen quietly took the hand of God and transitioned to her eternal home on February 17, 2024, at the age of 93.

Joan was born in Berlin Wis in 1930 to Arthur A. Flanagan and Leone Kellett Flanagan. She was raised on the family farm in Rush Lake, surrounded by a family who stressed love, hard work, and the value of education. Joan graduated from Omro High School and followed on with an education degree from UW-Oshkosh. Joan taught kindergarten for over 30 years in Portage, Appleton, and Stevens Point Wis. Joan was united in marriage to Victor J. Nelezen in 1951. The love of her life, Victor, preceeded her in death in 2011. Throughout her life, Joan loved being in the presence of her family and friends. She enjoyed cribbage, bridge, swimming, outdoor life, travel, trips to casinos, and brandy Manhattans. Joan loved the kitchen and sharing her baked goods. Many have fond memories of her creative casseroles and moist scones.

Missing her but letting her go are her five daughters: Christine Kline (Kevin), Jane Tompkins (John), Lisa Nelezen, Vicki Nelezen, and Sally (Tim) Redding. She is also survived by six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Joan was preceeded in death by her sister, Aileen Fritz and is survived by her sisters Donna Klein and Nancy Flanagan.

She will be irreplaceable to those who were fortunate enough to encounter her. To honor her memory, merely be kind to one another. Her family hopes that each of you hold on to a memory and celebrate her life in your own way, in your own time.

"When I come to the end of my journey and I travel my last weary mile, Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile."

A special thanks to the Staff at The Orchards and Brighton Hospice for the compassionate and gentle care shown to Joan.

A celebration of life mass to be held Friday May 3rd at 12:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic - Historic Little Church, 13015 Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN with luncheon to follow. All are welcome!

Tribute Wall



“ *Thank you Vicki for sending my Joan's obituary. I want to take you to lunch soon*

Donna Klein - February 26, 2024 at 07:35 AM