



## Joan Margaret Spilde

January 4, 1946 - April 2, 2023

Spilde, Joan Margaret (Justice)

Though we weep, the angels in heaven and God Himself are rejoicing at the homecoming of Joan Margaret Justice Spilde of Blaine, Minnesota, who joined Christ in Heaven on Sunday, April 2, 2023. Joan fought a courageous battle with cancer for two years, defeating the odds and inspiring us all with her fortitude and unrelenting trust in God. We are honored to carry our grief because Joan is so worthy of our tears. Joan was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She dearly loved her husband, Daryl, and treasured her daughter and grandchildren, embracing every moment with them.

Joan was born January 4, 1946, in Iowa City, Iowa, and graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1964. She married Daryl Spilde on May 13, 1967. Sperry Univac in Roseville was her employer for many years and during that time she earned a BA in Communications at St. Catherine's University. She was an Adjunct Professor at Anoka-Hennepin Technical College. Over the years, financial firms benefited from her expertise with investment products and markets.

Joan had a strong faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and her life was a living example of her beliefs. For much of her life she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Roseville, sang in the choir, played the piano, was a member of the bell choir and served in the nursery. She went to Ukraine numerous times with the "Flamingo" singing ensemble. In addition, Joan volunteered many hours at Home of the Good Shepherd. Her handiwork

blessed many people around the world as she knitted hats and was an artist at counted cross stitch. As an expert seamstress, she sewed countless blankets and articles of clothing for charitable organizations. Her love of literature was enhanced by her friends from her book club. While an enthusiastic Silver Sneaker of the local YMCA, her favorite "exercise" was coffee time with fellow "athletes"! Joan enjoyed world travel but had a special place in her heart for Minnesota's "North Shore" and a warm beach, anywhere, anytime!

Joan was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Kathryn Justice and is survived by her loving husband Daryl, daughter Michelle (Kevin) Smith, grandchildren Heidi, Tommy, Henry and Jack; siblings the Rev. Dr. Robert (Ruth) Justice, Barbara (David) Stumbo, John (Patty) Justice, Dr. James (Sherrie) Justice, Mary (Perry) Johnson, Elizabeth Schmidt, Janice (Randall) Hartman, Christine (Mark) Awbrey; brother-in-law Duane (Mary) Spilde, and many precious nieces and nephews.

In these moments of heartbreaking grief, we remember the only reason we have an empty space is because we were blessed with someone who loved us so beautifully it occupied an entire part of our soul.

A special thank you to Dr. Jade Anderson and staff at Minnesota Oncology for the exceptional care they Joan over the last two years.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 14 at 11:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church, 2120 N. Lexington Avenue, Roseville, Minnesota. Visitation hours on Thursday, April 13 from 6-9 pm at the church. A family graveside service will precede the service on Friday morning. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Roseville, MN. The Shepherd's Foundation, or Music in World Cultures. On-line condolences may be made at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

KO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. She was a bright, dedicated, caring lady. Those who knew her were blessed- especially those who called her family. Our deepest sympathy. Kent and Holly Osterman*

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**Kent/Holly Osterman** - April 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Daryl, Michelle & family

*I am sorry for your loss of Joan's presence here on earth. As her obituary so aptly described, she was a multi-faceted woman, showing her humor, dedication and love to those not only blessed to be in her family but those who encountered her where their paths crossed. The crossing may have been long or short, but Joan made a lasting impression.*

*I knew Joan most from the choirs at Calvary. Our lasting joke came from the bell choir. I usually played the very lowest bells and Joan played the highest bells. One particular piece, I was assigned to the high bells next to Joan. During rehearsal one week, as I was working hard to read the music and maneuver the much smaller bells, she kept whispering to me "Shelly. Shelly" and I kept thinking "My name is Cindie, not Shelly!". In her way, she was telling me I needed to "shelly" the bells, holding two in each hand to get the proper sound. We giggled over that exchange from time to time, usually when new members were added to the choir. It seems like a simple story now, but it still brings a smile to my face, and I can still hear her voice. "Shelly. Shelly."*

*I know you all have wonderful memories of Joan. I trust those memories and the accompanying laughter will help you get through this time.*

*Cindie Bloom*

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**Cindie Bloom** - April 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Ones,  
*Thinking of you this day of sweet Joan's memorial. I celebrate her life with you, with so many fond memories of my visits with all of you in MN. Heaven has truly gained a saint and treasure. May you be comforted in knowing you will see her again soon.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Cousin Sharon Steen*

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**Sharon Steen** - April 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you! Your entire family has been a great blessing to me from my earliest years and though miles separate us our hearts are with you. Blessings on the entire Justice-Spilde-Stumbo Clan! Steve & Joy Stumbo*

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**Steve Stumbo** - April 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *What a blessed homecoming!*



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**Bob and Ruth Justice** - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *It is with heavy hearts that we extend our sincere sympathy to Daryl and his family and Joan's extended family. Joan was a wonderful neighbor and friend to us ...and we will miss her so very much.*

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**Perry and Carol Johs** - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I met Joan while working at Sperry Univac in Roseville. We remained friends right up to Joan's passing. Will miss Joan as she was always willing to listen as we both talked about old times, families and medical problems! It was great to see Joan and Daryl at our 50th wedding anniversary celebration last summer. Blessing to Joan and we will miss you!

Kathy Parker - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathies as you grieve. I enjoyed years of FaceBook contact with Joan as she shared her deep faith, her love of family, her stitchery, her love of her grandbabies, and her enjoyment of walks in her beautiful surroundings and her love of music. Oh, and the close relationship and adventures with the sisters. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all. Hugs, Judy

Judy Rindahl Bondurant - April 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Daryl, Michelle, Kevin, and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Joan sure fought a valiant battle with grace and dignity. I was so honored to share the title of grandmother to Heidi, Tommy, Henry and Jack. We were very happy that she was able to meet our newest grandchild and spend time with the others showing them crafts and just giving them hugs. Joan, you will be missed.



Debbie and Bryan Smith - April 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM