



Joan Daugherty Van Tassel

April 28, 1929 - July 21, 2025

Van Tassel, Joan D.

Passed away on July 21st at the age of 96. She is preceded in death by her husband, David, with whom she shared nearly 70 years of marriage. She is survived by her five children: Richard, Linda (KJ), John (Deb), Martha, and Carol (Kim), along with five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Joan grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and spent her childhood going to baseball games, singing in the church choir, and reading every book she could get her hands on. She graduated summa cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan University before moving to Minnetonka. She was a lover of history and literature, and she brought that love to her students in the Hopkins School District, where she was a substitute teacher until she was 84 years old. Joan and David traveled the world together: they saw the great migration in Tanzania, climbed the Great Wall of China, and walked hundreds of miles through Europe. They lived a long life together, and they are now together again. A private family service will be held to honor Joan's memory. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Minnetonka United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences for family. Wilma Hill Shropshire PM, Martha Dandridge chapter #438, Dandridge Tennessee.

Wilma hill Shropshire - March 12 at 05:22 AM

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“ Joanie, Joanie, Joanie you are missed, you were loved and cherished by everyone in our SilverSneakers's class. You always gave such motherly advice and always asked how I was doing. Such a sweet Lady, my role model. I want to be like Joanie when I grow up. Such an independent lady, driving her big tan boat and peeling rubber making her left hand turn onto Williston Road, what a hoot. Joanie, it's time to dance with our Lord. Enjoy, will see you again someday. Love you, Pammie



Pam Sikkila - July 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM