



## JoAnn Eva Saloka

June 8, 1940 - March 17, 2026

Saloka, JoAnn Eva, age 85, was born on June 8, 1940 to Hazel and George Shermer and passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

JoAnn grew up in Hinckley, where she met the love of her life, Tom. They were married in July 1958 and shared 62 wonderful years together, building a life centered on love, hard work, and family.

A true go-getter, JoAnn was known for her strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit. Early on, she sold Mary Kay products and, in the 1970s, founded her own successful cleaning business, House of Maids, which grew to employ many people. In the early 1980s, JoAnn and Tom purchased Otter Tail Lake Campground, which they owned and operated for over a decade. All of this she accomplished while raising five children, maintaining a spotless home, and preparing home-cooked meals from scratch.

JoAnn was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and caregiver. She gave generously of her time and energy, offering support and kindness to many throughout her life. She will be remembered for her spirited personality, warm sense of humor, and the deep joy she found in her large family.

She loved spending her time fishing, sewing, cross-stitching, playing bingo, and hunting for a good bargain. JoAnn and Tom shared a passion for travel,

camping, and fishing across the United States and Canada, including several memorable trips along the Alaskan Highway. In retirement, they spent many winters in Mississippi, where they built lasting friendships.

JoAnn is lovingly remembered by her children: Bruce (Kim), Dan, Pat, and Bonnie; her 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; her brother Donny (Kris) Shermer; brother-in-law Al Linder; sisters-in-law Jeanne Metty, Darlene Shermer, and Jayne Shermer; and many other cherished family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Tom; her son, John; her brothers, Harold Shermer and Jerome Shermer; her brother-in-law Ron Metty; her sister-in-law Donna Linder; and her nephew, Justin Shermer.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Autumn Glen and St. Croix Hospice for the compassionate care they provided to JoAnn.

JoAnn's legacy of love, strength, and generosity will live on in all who knew her.

Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Wednesday March 25th at the Church of St. Stephen - Anoka. Visitation one hour prior to Mass at Church

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery (Anoka)

991 West Highway 10  
Anoka, MN 55303

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)  
525 Jackson Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)  
525 Jackson Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

# Tribute Wall



“ Kellie T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Eva Saloka.

Kellie T. - March 25 at 08:42 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Eva Saloka.

March 24 at 07:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnn Eva Saloka.



March 24 at 01:41 PM



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March 24 at 01:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Eva Saloka.

March 23 at 10:01 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of JoAnn Eva Saloka.* ”



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