



Joanna L St. Clair

November 23, 1931 - October 20, 2020

St. Clair, Joanna L. Age 88 At the time of her death, Joanna St.Clair kept a small placard outside her room at the memory care unit reminding visitors who they were dealing with in case she forgot to tell them. It read: I am Joanna I am wife to Bob, I am mother to Scott, David, Lee, Rob, Paul and Mary. I have three siblings. I grew up in Wahpeton, ND. I was a special education teacher. I loved teaching kids how to read. I used music and movement to encourage students to learn. I am of the Catholic faith My favorite music is big band for fun and orchestra for soothing. I am sweet and "up for anything." She was a twin with bright red hair and water-color blue eyes. She was fierce when she needed to be. Musical, played oboe and bassoon in the orchestra, athletic, good-natured, stubborn, and could at times be fashionably late. Joanna was working her way through Valley City State Teachers College, Valley City, ND, when she met Bob St.Clair. Against her best friend's judgement, Joanna took an interest in the man because he was good company. Shortly after graduation, she and Bob secured teaching positions in Grand Forks, ND and were married. Their life together would extend for nearly seven decades. They never stopped singing to each other. In 1962 Bob and Joanna moved to Hopkins. She eventually returned to teaching and received her master's degree in special education. She was proud of her work as a teacher, as a wife, as a mother, as a grandmother, as a great grandmother, and as a friend. At the core of her pride was her love. That's what "I am Joanna" meant to the people who knew her. Joanna is preceded in death by her parents, Max &

Marguerite Lauder; siblings, Doug, Nancy and Jim; her husband, Bob. She is survived by six children, Scott (Virginia), David (Suzanne), Lee (Peggy), Rob (Ann), Paul (Jennifer), and Mary; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She passed away on October 20th. A small family memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on November 10th at St. Mary of the Lake, 105 Forest View Lane, Plymouth, MN. The family has opted to hold off on Joanna's Celebration of Life until it can be held safely next summer. Joanna's family asks that in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hopkins Education Foundation, 1001 Highway 7, Suite# 243, Hopkins, MN 55305.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM.

St. Mary of the Lake