



Joanne Avis Ford

April 4, 1938 - June 11, 2022

Joanne A. (Getling) Ford

Age 84 of Shoreview, MN

Born in Grand Rapids, MN, April 4, 1938. Passed away June 11, 2022, 84 years young, after a two-year courageous battle with cancer.

Joanne graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1956. She was a band majorette, and her classmates voted her Homecoming Queen in 1955.

She married her high school sweetheart, James Guy Ford and they were together 67 years. James is a CPA working from their home in Shoreview, MN. Joanne's greatest joys in life were her faith and that of being a loving mother to her flock of 3 girls and 3 boys. She was lovingly referred to as Saint Joanne.

She is survived by her loving husband, James; sister, Joyce Starr-California, brother Brian(Feli) Gelting-Alaska; sons, James (Patricia)-West St. Paul, Richard-Shoreview, Scott (Susan)-Woodbury; daughters, Sandra (Mitch) McGee-Barnes, WI, Nancy (Joe Sauer) Reiner-Coon Lake, and Wendy (Douglas) Tomhave-Shoreview; grandchildren Kathryn, Lee; Brandon, Kristen, Jennifer, Jonathan, Joey, Derek, Lauren and Megan; great-grandchildren, Dayton, Mikayla, Harry James and Adeline Joanne; great-great-grandchildren, Afton and Ivy.

Joanne is preceded in death by parents, Leo and Lois Gelting-Grand Rapids, MN; brother, Gary Gelting-Cohasset; sisters, Colleen Lindgren-Grand Rapids and Carole Norris-Texas and great grandson, Zachary Mitchel McGee.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Friday, June 17th (gathering 10-11AM) at St. Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 N. Victoria St., Shoreview, MN, 55126.

Reception following.

Memorials preferred to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ So sorry for your loss.

Rick Killmer - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My heart & thoughts are with you all. May God continue to bless you with love grace strength & guidance.



Sarah Kuusisto - June 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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BP

“ Eternal peace, and joy for Joanne. Blessings to Wendy, and family. ❤️



Bennett Pisek - June 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Love surrounds this lovely lady. She will be remembered always for her generosity, welcoming smile and endless love for her family....

DIANE MCGEE - June 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our thoughts are with you all.



Dennis Wayne Tomhave - June 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Sweet Joanne, Oh Sweet Joanne, we lovingly call you our mama, Saint Joanne, Oh Saint Joanne our hundred dollar great-great grandma!

Douglas Tomhave - June 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Love you Dear Joanne... Dance with the angels; they are celebrating your arrival in Heaven.....

DIANE MCGEE - June 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM