



Joy Adele Pearson

November 24, 1924 - December 9, 2024

Joy Adele Pearson (Adolphson), age 100, peacefully passed away surrounded by family on December 9th at N.C. Little Hospice in Edina, MN.

Born on November 24th, 1924 to Carl and Florence Anderson Adolphson, at home in Argyle, Minnesota. Joy attended a one-room school from grades 1 through 8 and graduated from Argyle High School. After graduation, she earned her nursing degree from Bethesda Nursing School. Her career path led her to Emanuel Lutheran Hospital in Portland, Oregon, Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, and in 1959 she was hired to help open the new Methodist Hospital. Starting in 1963, she took time off to be a full-time mom and later finished her career at the Onalaska Care Center.

Joy married Jim Pearson and was a devoted wife for 62 years. They had two children, Betsy Jacobs (Loran), and Dan Pearson. More than anything she enjoyed spending time or talking on the phone with her grandchildren, Annabel (David) Hughes, Caroline Jacobs, Henry Jacobs, Andreas Pearson, and Fredrik Pearson. Joy is also survived by her beloved sister's Fay Erickson and Kathleen Riopelle. She was preceded in death by her beloved siblings, Fern Lungren, Dale Adolphson, Lynn Adolphson, and Carolyn Hess.

Joy grew up near Argyle, Minnesota and her childhood stories often revolved around life on their family farm. A favorite story was about how in stormy

weather, her dad would take them to school in a cutter pulled by a team of horses. Joy's favorite activity as a child was spending time in the barn with her brother Dale and her favorite horses, Jesse and Jane, currying and brushing them.

Joy enjoyed the simple pleasures in life: spending time with family and friends, going for walks, tending her garden and flowers, participating in church activities, reading, or in later years listening to audio books. A trip to the Dairy Queen for a small vanilla cone was always a favorite. Visits to Joy's house were marked by her tins of homemade cookies, ice cream and beautifully set tables. She loved making lefse for the holidays, a tradition that will continue in her memory. Joy was a remarkable cook and despite her macular degeneration, would find new recipes in cookbooks and newspapers for us to try.

Joy and Jim shared a love of travel and spent a month or so each winter in warmer climates. Palm Springs being her favorite. Joy was active in the International Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Sisterhood.

We will always know how deeply we were loved by Joy and how much we loved her. She will be remembered for her gentleness, kindness and sweet nature. We will remember Joy as a great lover of animals, always putting others' needs before her own. We will forever be grateful for her life lessons and her advice to her grandchildren was to 'enjoy each day as life is so short.'

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givemn.org/story/communication-center-state-services-for-the-blind

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization)

www.peointernational.org/make-a-gift/#donate

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“ *Dear Family and Friends,
It was our pleasure to care for Joy at this important time.
With Sympathies,
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice*

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