



## Joy A Snyder

December 17, 1936 - February 2, 2025

Joy Anna (Toedter) Snyder, 88, of Bloomington, MN went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 2, 2025. Joy was born December 17, 1936, on the Toedter family homestead near Marion, ND. After graduating from Staples High School, Joy moved to Minneapolis and worked at administrative jobs for various companies and attended St. Paul Bible College for one year. In 1958 Joy met Wayne Snyder at Riverside Evangelical Free Church and they were married on May 28, 1960.

From the time she was married until she became incapacitated by dementia, her focus was on serving Jesus Christ and loving and caring for her family. From 1961-1967 she had four children and then from 1971-1976, she and Wayne fostered over thirty-five infants through Lutheran Social Services. When the grandkids started coming, she provided part-time day care for all those that lived close by, and often cared for them overnight so that her kids could enjoy get-aways with their spouses. Her home a.k.a. The Snyder Hilton was always open to relatives that were in a medical crisis, between homes, or just passing through MSP on their way to another destination.

Joy volunteered in many behind-the-scenes ways with her church and community. She taught Sunday School and was a leader in other church youth organizations; sent mass mailings before email existed; cared for children so young mothers could attend Bible study; cleaned toys for the

nursery; sewed clothes and blankets for Bundles of Love Charity; kept the books for Christian organizations; and likely did other acts of service of which no one was aware.

Joy and Wayne were partners in everything but especially with genealogy research. Their publications, Walter Family History and The Snyders of Kampeska, were the result of countless hours spent pouring over county and church records. They traveled extensively to forty-seven states and many foreign countries on four continents. Joy also loved sewing, reading, and scrapbooking but would choose helping her husband, kids, or grandkids above anything else.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years Wayne and children: Steve (Jeni) Snyder, Tim (Joy) Snyder, Carole (Bill) Katona, and Gretchen (Brian) Olson. Joy is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, eight grandchild spouses and nine great-grandchildren, as well as siblings: David Tader, and Phillip, Wendel, Mae and Dan Toedter.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Lora Toedter, brothers Robert Toedter, John and James Tader, and sisters Lois, Margaret (Hewitt), and Barbara Toedter and granddaughter Abby Snyder.

Even though she suffered cognitive decline from Alzheimer's, her graceful, gentle spirit was always evident. We will miss her back rubs, her laugh and her smile and look forward to seeing her fully restored in heaven.

See below for March 5th visitation and March 6th memorial service information and a link to the memorial service livestream.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to [Bundlesoflove.org](http://Bundlesoflove.org), [Preborn.com](http://Preborn.com) or a Christian ministry of your choice.

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A livestream of the memorial service may be viewed at <http://www.wooddale.org/events>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel  
9940 Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438

## Memorial Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wooddale Church  
6630 Shady Oak Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

## Reception

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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6630 Shady Oak Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

# Tribute Wall

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( Suzanne)

Suzanne McKeever and Miya - March 05, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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Gretchen Olson - February 11, 2025 at 07:18 AM

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*So many many memories Gretchen of time I had w joy and of course with Wayne. They know I consider them family. Joy and I wrote letters when I was in Florida for a time. We shared the Bible, meals and many talks and laughs. She us so missed. I ve left messages but Wayne vm full . I hope to visit the house soon to see him . Miya and I were there not to long ago spending time. Got a laugh and smile I'll carry w me . She was a beautiful soul . I'm so grateful to have had the years of time with her and Wayne. Look forward to more w Wayne . Weather not good for me driving . I'll have to pass. Please remind him they are both in my prayers w gratitude and love . As always I'll do anything for him 💕. Suzanne and Miya*

Suzanne McKeever and Miya - March 05, 2025 at 11:11 AM