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Joyce Maxine Brock was born in Chicago to Lucille (Whitworth) and William Brock on May 1, 1939, the fourth child of what would eventually be seven. The family moved to Bensonville, where Joyce attended Fenton High, graduating in spring 1957. She studied education at Wheaton College, where her older sisters had also attended. Halfway through college, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Heinrich, on August 29, 1959. The two of them finished college as married students, Joyce completing a degree in elementary education (Wheaton, 1961) and Bob a degree in political science. Bob's career kept their family on the move over the years, and the family lived in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, California, and Florida.

As a kindergarten student, Joyce saw a teacher ridicule another student, and she decided then that she would someday be a teacher who loved her students and taught them with kindness. Joyce fulfilled that childhood dream, nurturing all the children who came into her life-her own six children, several foster children, classrooms filled with preschooler or elementary school students, and later the infants and preschoolers of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Joyce's classrooms were joy-filled places, and she exercised a special insight into the problems and feelings of children. She had a deep

longing to introduce children to life in Christ.

More than anything else, Joyce was a devoted follower of Jesus. Her life was shaped by her longing to serve God and to please him. She poured out her energy, and her gifts of teaching, hospitality, and nurture as she loved God by loving the people God brought into her life. She loved to teach, both children and adults, truth from God's Word. In the late 1980s, she published a parenting book.

In 2001 Joyce was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years. Though she will be remembered with great joy, Joyce will be sorely missed by her three remaining siblings, Marilyn Bruder, Adele Brock, and Bill Brock; by her children, Marc (Becky) Heinrich, Annette (David) LaPlaca, Dawn (Monika) Ahlquist, Adele (Richard) Frieder, Brock (Mary) Heinrich, and Angie (Brian) Mol; her sixteen grandchildren, Holly, Connor, Julia (Philip), Robert (Rebekah), Lucy, David, Rein, Trudi, Emily (Kevin), Elise (Tony), Catie, Alisha (Kole), Grace, Will, Sam, and Silas; and her four great-grandchildren Eleanor, Quinnlynn, Gabriel, and Lyra.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, November 30, at 3 p.m. at Valley View Baptist Church, 1980 10th Ave. W., Shakopee, Minnesota, with refreshments to follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Youth Investment Foundation, 1364 Hamel Rd, Hamel, MN 55340 (www.timberbay.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ My encounter with Joyce and the Heinrich family was when we arrived as youth pastor and family at the then Minnetonka Community Church. Joyce and Bob were very instrumental in helping us feel welcome at MCC, settle in both at the job and in the community, and had tons of wisdom to share regarding working with students and children, as we had then added our fourth child to the family. I worked down the hall from the Small World pre-school and got to see first hand Joyce, Connie Plaep and others love on the kids of the church and the community. A beautiful legacy for the family and the Kingdom of God. Steve and Val Worsham

Steven Worsham - December 01, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ My beautiful Aunt Joyce, her sweet kind spirit and love of the Lord, she will always be a cherished example of the joy following Christ brings to your life.

Amy Heinrich-Nolan - November 28, 2025 at 07:16 PM

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“ Katherine R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joyce Maxine Heinrich.



Katherine R. - November 26, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ I will always be grateful for the welcome our daughters received at Bethlehem when we brought them home, especially from the nursery ministry that Joyce led. Serving with her on staff was a privilege and a pleasure. Enter into the joy of your Master, good and faithful servant.

Andrew Lang - November 26, 2025 at 09:28 AM

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“ Joyce was a shining star in a close knit group of friends at Fenton High School..most of us played in the band together, Joyce being the principal clarinetist, and we shared good times on band tours to PA and D.C. where we played at the Naval Academy..we also had many sleepovers. She travelled with my family to D.C. a real adventure for us all..she was a bridesmaid in my twin sister’s wedding and came all the way from Minnesota for my sister’s 60th wedding anniversary gathering in Illinois.. We will always remember her kindness and wisdom, her willingness to listen and to share her thoughts and insights and to include us in her family activities and dinners, always filled with songs and laughter..Rest in Peace, dear friend. Katherine Reynolds



KATHERINE REYNOLDS - November 26, 2025 at 09:27 AM

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Lori Myers - November 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM

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We miss her dearly - she was an inspiration and encouragement to us all. We loved her vision the next generation and passion for the Lord. So grateful to have know and worked with her! She is dearly missed!

Lori Myers - November 25, 2025 at 11:21 AM