



Joyce Maxine Meichels

October 6, 1931 - February 8, 2026

Joyce Maxine Meichels, 94, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2026.

Joyce was born on October 6, 1931, in Lemmon, South Dakota, to Carl and Stella Tormoen. She lived a long and full life grounded in faith, family, and resilience. Joyce spent all of her adult life in South Minneapolis in the Lake Nokomis area, where she built deep roots and lasting friendships.

She was an avid bowler for more than 50 years, competing at Lariat, Nokomis, SkyLANES, and Southtown Bowl. Joyce also loved singing in the choir at Hope Presbyterian Church, where her voice and presence were cherished. Known for her quick wit and sharp sense of humor, she always had a comeback ready and could make a room brighter with her spirit.

Joyce is survived by her sister Shirley Y Tormoen; children Gary Meichels (Mary), Duane Meichels (Terry), and Joy Schween (Larry); three grandchildren Elise Meichels Parker (Jeremy), Sarah Anderson (John), Baylee Meichels; and seven great-grandchildren Alexa, Brennon, Chase, Calvin, Leo, Mitch, and Levi; Sisters in law Shirley M Tormoen, Eleanor Tormoen and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold; grandson,

Joseph; and her eight siblings: Tommy, George, Vern, Buddy, Earl, Jim, Millie, and Gladys.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 13, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 7132 Portland Ave Richfield MN 55423, with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service.

A private burial will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Tuesday, February 17.

Streaming of the service can be found at www.hope-pc.org

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Church
7132 Portland Avenue South
Richfield, MN 55423

Church Service

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Joyce was my aunt (my father was her brother Jim) This picture was a fun memory when we went to Outback Steakhouse together for my dads 90th birthday.

Joyce was always to me a ball of Joy and you could never escape laughter when she was around for she loved being silly and cracking jokes and making funny facial expressions.

She was full of life, passion for family, and determined to fight past every obstacle.

One of the last times Joyce was at our house to visit my dad when he was in his last weeks, I will never forget how broken she was and compassionate she was over her (baby brother) who she loved so much.

Even though I was away in different states for decades, the little I saw of her she still made a big impact on me for someone who carried life and laughter and love in her and was always ready to share that to everyone especially her beloved family and extended family.

I will miss her dearly, but will see her again someday in heaven!!

*Love you,
Shannon Tormoen*



Shannon Tormoen - February 16 at 07:27 PM

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“Dearest Joyce, what a loving, caring, supportive sister-in-law she was to me these past 66 years! She faithfully remembered Jim and I every year by sending cards in the mail to celebrate our birthdays and wedding anniversary.

Joyce truly was joy-filled. At every family gathering and event she was the life of the party. Her positivity, laughter, and humor lit up the room with her presence.

Many years ago we started out having a small, Viking game day parties. We specifically invited the sisters (Gladys, Joyce, Shirley) plus sometimes others to join Jim and I and our daughters to watch the games on T.V. We had some of the wildest, loudest, fun times, eating, cheering, booing and singing "Skol Vikings..." Jim totally outnumbered by all of us women loved it! This was family!

Standout memory: I will always remember Joyce's "Tarzan yell." Unique to her alone!

Her strong will to overcome every obstacle in her last year of life was a testament of her faith and a zest for living..... to keep on fighting until the end.

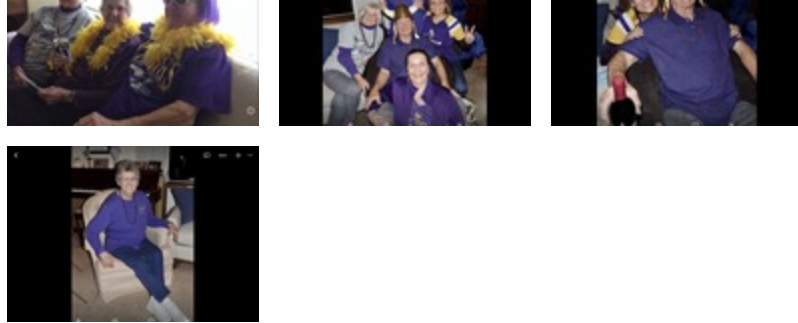
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day..."
II Timothy 4:7,8

Surely goodness and mercy did follow her all the days of her life and she will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Thank you Joyce for all the love and memories. You will always hold a place in my heart until we meet again.

Eleanore ("Little baby brother Jimmy"(s) wife) Tormoen





Eleanore Tormoen - February 15 at 03:17 PM

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“ Jeff Tormoen and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Maxine Meichels.



Jeff Tormoen and family - February 12 at 04:50 PM

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“ Danielle Dahlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Maxine Meichels.

Danielle Dahlin - February 12 at 04:11 PM

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