



Joyce Elvira Pedersen

June 18, 1932 - July 25, 2025

Joyce Pedersen, age 93, a child of God, resident of Mpls. and Parkshores Senior Living, St. Louis Park died July 25th, 2025 . Preceded in death by mother and father, Ed & Vi Stephens, sister Patricia, husband of 56 years Clarence, son David; and grandsons, Kirk and Trevor.

Survived by her sons and daughters-in-laws, Paul (Sarah), Mark (Joyce), John (Shawn /Candi), Liz (Bill).

11 grandchildren, Eric (Claire), Emily (Ty), Lucas (Lisa), Paige (Myles), Tim (CarolAnn), Danny (Liz), Marvel, Anna (Yomi), Michael and Jesse; 14 great-grandchildren, nephew, Kevin Nordstrom (Beth) and their children, Joshua and Jared; niece, Marit (Blaise), and their children, Jacob and Josie; along with so many Special Friends who loved and cared for her.

Joyce graduated from the University of Minnesota and was a member of PEO. She served on the staff of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church for many years.

Memorial service Wednesday, August 6th, 2025 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Mpls. The family will greet friends beginning at 12:00 noon until the time of the service at 1:00 PM with reception to follow. Private interment Fort Snelling. Special thanks to the staff at NC Little Hospice. Please No Flowers, Joyce believed that flowers were for the

living, so give some to someone you love or take a friend to lunch and share a "Joyce" story. Memorials, if so desired, may be designated to Mt. Olivet On-Line Ministry or NC Little Hospice of Edina.

Live stream of the service at: <https://mtolivet.org/live/>

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Around 50 years ago, when Ardis Nelson talked me into teaching Sunday School, there was Joyce. Joyce has been such a beacon of light over the years to new and old members alike. Such a mighty presence! She will be missed by those who knew her.



Peter Stratmoen - August 03, 2025 at 08:14 AM

NN

“ I have known Joyce for many years as a resident of Parkshore. She and I hit it off right away, sharing our love of books, sharing meals with dear friends. We served on the library committee together and I so admired her for her commitment to caring for residents, volunteering, and always there when you needed her. She made Parkshore a better place. I will miss her dearly.
Nancy Nichols

nancy nichols - July 31, 2025 at 03:11 PM

CO

Those of us who live at Parkshore are deeply indebted to Joyce for her strong leadership on the library board in our building. The library is a crown jewel among many here with its large collection of books catering to diverse interests. It is a great legacy and I am so grateful to have been able to work and learn from her. It was a privilege to be her friend. Connie Oriani

Constance Oriani - August 06, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JS

“ I have so many blessed memories of Joyce and Clarence. She was one of the first people I met at Mount Olivet. She was the education leader with Pastor Craig Johnson and we did the Mighty Acts of God. I knew I had found the right church. I love education, especially studying God's word. It continues to be an every season/day event. She also was a tease. She did interesting "getting acquainted" games at many retreat center events. We felt her love and her soul every time she greeted us. Thank you to all her family for sharing her with us. May God surround you with his mighty arms and bring you peace. Love, Jan Schneider

Jan Schneider - July 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM

SF

“ I have so many cherished memories of my cousin — she was the eldest of us all, and I was the youngest. From the very start, she was a steady, kind, and joyful presence in my life. I think back fondly to our Christmas Eve celebrations and to the time she taught me how to change diapers on baby Paul — a lesson in patience, love, and a little courage!

Friday night crafts, babysitting the boys, and watching her and Pete raise their family with such warmth and grace left a lasting impression on me. They set the gold standard for what good parenting looks like.

*In more recent years, our special tradition was lunch at the Hilltop Grill — a Reuben sandwich, a glass of wine, and conversation about how wonderful our grandchildren are. She missed this year’s visit because she wasn’t feeling well. The memories, the lessons, and the love she gave so freely will stay with me forever.
Picture is from last summer at Hilltop*



Sue Freese - July 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JO

“ 3 files added to the album Mom



John - July 29, 2025 at 09:55 AM