



Joyce Deloris Selness

January 17, 1926 - November 1, 2023

Joyce D (Jacobson) Selness

passed away Nov 1, 2023 at Meadow Ridge Senior living in Golden Valley MN with some of her family present. She was born Jan 17, 1926, at home on the family farm, near Elderon WI. Her parents were Nels Jacobson and Ida (Anderson) Jacobson. She was the youngest of 8 children. She was baptized and confirmed at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg WI and graduated from Wittenberg High School. Joyce went to Stevens Point Teachers College and completed teacher training at Miss Woods School in Minneapolis. At her first elementary teaching job in Whitehall WI, she met Norman Selness from Hesper IA who was a music teacher there. They married on June 5, 1948 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg.

She gave up full time teaching to raise a family of 7 children. She worked at some retail stores, including Kmart and Donaldson's for 20 years. The family moved frequently and lived for a few years in Cokato MN, Mason City IA, Minot ND, Fargo ND, Elkhart IN and Terre Haute IN before settling in Golden Valley in 1973. Joyce was always active in the local Lutheran Church with choir, church women's groups and teaching Sunday school. Her hobbies included cooking, gardening and sewing many clothes for her children.

After Norman passed away in 1995, Joyce married Bob Amundson and had

another 10 years of happiness before he passed away in 2009.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and 4 older brothers and 3 older sisters and one child, Jean, was killed in a car accident in 1971. Siblings: Lydia (Albert) Westphal, Carl (Evelyn Wege) Jacobson, Orlando Jacobson, Ismar (Gladys Thorson) Jacobson, Gerda (Everett) Lendved, Nelida (Omer) Dockstader, Walter Jacobson.

She is survived by 6 of her children, 6 stepchildren, 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many cousins and nieces and nephews. Children: Carolyn (Rick) Lee in Florida, Marie (Allen) Cecka in Eagan MN, Carl Selness at her house in Golden Valley MN, Ruth (Gary) Gervais in California, Delores (Greg) Grunwald in Duluth MN and Pamela (Vincent) King in New Hope MN. Grandchildren:

Christopher Lee, Jessica Lee, Theresa (Tom) Parks, Kristina Cecka, Natalie (Jon) Kroft, Ben (Taryn) Gervais, Steven Gervais, Dan Grunwald, Brian (Taryn) Grunwald, Peter Grunwald, Nicolai (Alex Sharfman) Selness and Levi Selness. Stepchildren: Jeff Amundson, Sandra Amundson, Jim Amundson, Susan Crenshaw, John Amundson and Joe Amundson.

A memorial service celebrating Joyce's life will be held on Monday July 1, 2024, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley at 10:00 am with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery following at 2:00 pm. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *What can I share about our dear mother? She will be greatly missed! She was the strength and center of our family, especially after our father died.....the glue that held our family together! She always was the strong, calm, sensible one, yet also caring and understanding. What a fountain of riches in both love and wisdom she left us! We were very privileged to have her for many long wonderful years. Farewell, dear mother! Requiescat in pace aeterna! Love, daughter Marie, Monday November 13, 7:15 PM.*

Marie Cecka - November 13, 2023 at 08:08 PM

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“ *My condolences to whole family.. Joyce is the last of my aunts. Will always remember her as being kind, generous, and certainly helpful to others. And she taught me to walk while being my babysitter. While I dont recall the event, she sure did and later in years would have a good chuckle about it.*

Ken Westphal - November 09, 2023 at 03:30 PM