



Joyce Velgersdyk

June 10, 1930 - October 27, 2022

Joyce's service can be live-streamed at: <https://youtu.be/YRX4iC01KZY>

Velgersdyk, Joyce

At the age of 92, Joyce Velgersdyk of Bloomington, Minnesota peacefully passed away on October 27, 2022. Joyce Thelma Velgersdyk was born on June 10, 1930, in Rock Valley, Iowa to Sam and Anna (DeWit) Kooima. She lived and worked on the family farm until she married Clarence Velgersdyk on June 13, 1951, and had four children, all born in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1963 Joyce and Clarence moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to be closer to family. In her lifetime, she helped support the family by being employed as an aircraft assembler at Lear Aircraft, a mail sorter at the US Post Office, manager of Nielsen Framing Studio, and in food service, specializing in preparing Dutch desserts at Honeywell Inc.

She was a loyal member of Calvary Christian Reformed Church and Redeemer Reformed Church where she was involved in Ladies' Society, Sunday school, Senior Adventures, hymn sings and Bible studies. Joyce graduated Rock Valley Christian School and later Metropolitan College in Minneapolis earning her Associate degree in Business. She also enjoyed travel, gardening, baking and entertaining friends and family in her home.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Anna (DeWit) Kooima; sisters, Marjorie Gaalswyk, Frieda Gaalswyk, Genevieve Mans; and brothers, Jake and John.

She will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 71 years, Clarence; children, John (Janice), Roxane (Mike) Jeltema, Kevin (Laura) and Jason (Sandi); 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel (2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington) on Tuesday, November 1, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at 1 PM with visitation one hour prior at Redeemer Reformed Church (1300 Lilac Drive N., Golden Valley). Memorials preferred to Avail Academy or Alzheimer's Association. Interment in Dawn Valley Memorial Park.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Redeemer Reformed Church
1300 Lilac Drive North
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Church Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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1300 Lilac Drive North
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall

CB

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Cary Bruin - November 02, 2022 at 06:42 PM

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Cary Bruin - November 02, 2022 at 06:46 PM

LA

“ *Thankyou Clarence for calling me on Sunday .
We go back many years and there are very few Kooima cousins left.
Life has been good!
May Jesus Christ be praised!
You will miss Joyce....
Be comforted by memories and the peace of Christ.
Leona Aardema
Green Valley Az*

Leona Aardema - October 31, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Velgersdyk.*



October 31, 2022 at 11:35 AM



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October 31, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Grandma Joyce...One of God's most amazing gifts. She was one of a Kind, loving, caring, straightforward, smart, witty, gift-loving, opinionated but with grace, wise, merciful, compassionate, devoted and loyal. She loved her family and others so well, everyone felt special around her! There was always time for a meal or dessert(which she always had one on hand) and conversation. I loved listening to her many stories over papa murphey's pizza while the kids played with her selection of well loved toys that were always so special to them. She will be greatly missed and I feel incredibly blessed to have known her 25 years. She has taught me much and modeled what it looks like to be a woman of character who loved the Lord.*

michelle velgersdyk - October 30, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joyce Velgersdyk.*



October 30, 2022 at 08:29 PM

MS

“ I often recieved a very hospitable welcome from Joyce and Clarence on Sundays when I visited MN for business. We went to church twice. The Lord blessed me with this christian friends. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on
Marinus and Truus Sinke The Netherlands

M.J.J. Sinke - October 30, 2022 at 05:59 AM

LA

Thanks for calling me tonight Clarence
I'm sure you will miss Joyce after so many years of marriage
May the peace of Christ be with you
Leona Aardema
Green Valley Arizona

Leona Aardema - October 30, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joyce Velgersdyk.



October 29, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce Velgersdyk.



October 29, 2022 at 02:17 PM