



Joyce Elizabeth Vinton

September 3, 1943 - December 17, 2024

Joyce Elizabeth Vinton, our beloved grandmother, passed away peacefully on December 17th, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born on September 3rd, 1943, our grandma's life was shaped by her relentless work ethic, unbelievable selflessness, and unwavering commitment to family.

Born and raised in South St. Paul, our grandma was a Minnesota girl at heart. Meeting our grandfather in Minneapolis, together they moved to Seattle, Cleveland, and Pasadena, before moving back to Minnesota to be closer to family. After marrying our dear Grandpa John, our grandma became the proud mother of our parents, Meredith, Adrienne, and Brad. Our grandma adored our parents, whose love and dedication to us is a reflection of the devotion and support our grandma showed to them.

Our grandma was an inspiration to all of us with her tenacity and accomplishments. She had a strong belief in education and worked tirelessly to achieve her degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. She had a passion for connecting others and working for others' benefit. Starting her own coffee shop, Mocha Bay, speaks to her natural gift to create spaces of community and belonging wherever she went. In her years of retirement, she continued to contribute to the people around her, intricately knitting scarfs, hats, and gloves to give to others. Her knitting skills were so profound that she began to enter her work into competitions at

the Minnesota State Fair. Over her many submissions of hats and scarfs, she earned numerous first place Blue Ribbons recognizing her talent and precision in her craft. Throughout her life, she has always connected and contributed to her community, and strengthened the relationships of those closest to her.

Though our grandma was humble and selfless to her core, we grandchildren have no problem sharing all that we loved about her. Our Grandma Joyce was unconditionally supportive, profoundly kind, amazingly compassionate, and had the greatest sense of humor, always reacting to every situation with her infectious laugh. We loved how she paid special attention to our lives, constantly asking how our school work was going and how our friends were doing. We also cherish all of the quality time we were able to spend with our grandma. We remember the countless "Grandma Days" spent together, the Target trips taken, the games of Hug-A-Hoop played, and all the times at the State Fair, where she spoiled us in classic Grandma Joyce fashion.

Our Grandma Joyce is survived by her husband and our loving grandfather, John Vinton, who brought her unconditional love, unwavering support, and devoted companionship for 56 years. She is also survived by her three children; Meredith (Bill) Ruhberg, Adrienne (Barry) Stromberg, and Brad (Melanie) Vinton, whom she loved dearly. In addition, our grandma is survived by her grandchildren; Ella, Bryn, Hans, Jack, Coulter, and Maddalyn (Madds). She is also survived by her loving older sister Gloria Swenson, many nieces and nephews, and other beloved family and friends. Grandma Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Florence Rudie, and her younger brother Tommy.

We will miss you dearly, Grandma. You truly were the fairest of them all.

A date will be announced shortly for a celebration of life to be held in the

spring.

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Grandkids 2024

John Vinton - December 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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These grandkids are a combination of all of her best qualities! She will always live in them!

Connie Westgate - December 27, 2024 at 12:35 AM

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John Vinton - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM