



## Joyce J. Zimmer

November 13, 1937 - March 27, 2026

Zimmer, Joyce J. (Pankow)

Age 88, of Edina, passed away March 27th, 2026, surrounded by family.

Welcomed into heaven by parents Martin and Dorothy Pankow, mother and father-in-law Hertha and Charles Zimmer, sister Delores Smith, son Steven, and granddaughter Jessica Polhill. Joyce was born in Campbell Mn. in 1937, graduated from Wahpeton High School (ND), and went to work at the U of M in Minneapolis, where she met Dan while he was home on military leave. They married in January 1957 and spent their first year in Germany while Dan was stationed in the Army. Over the next 28 years they raised a family and developed lifelong friendships in Minneapolis, before moving to Edina.

The Church of St. Patrick has been their spiritual and social home for the past 40 years. Joyce worked as a secretary at Michael Dowling School for disabled children, and at St. Helena's and St. Patrick's churches. But Joyce's passion was as a devoted homemaker. She was a wonderful wife and mother, who exemplified selflessness and sacrifice throughout her life while nurturing her ever growing family - never seeking attention or accolades, but deserving more of both. As a lifelong lover of travel, Joyce enjoyed the planning process and her photo albums as much as the trips. That passion led her to volunteer

as a Traveler's Assistant at MSP airport for over 21 years.

Survived by husband of 69 years Daniel, sons Michael (Pam), David (Mary), daughter-in-law Kim, brother Derrill Pankow (Al), sister-in-law Claudia Christenson, brother-in-law James Smith, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of St. Patrick, 6820 St. Patrick's Lane, Edina, MN 55439 on Wednesday April 15th 2026 at 10:30 am, with visitation one hour prior. Interment for immediate family at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Joyce's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://www.alz.org/>. Arrangements handled by Washburn-McReavy 612-377-2203.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina  
6820 St. Patrick's Lane  
Edina, MN 55439

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce J. Zimmer.* ”



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