



Joyce Krivanek

October 1, 1937 - December 4, 2020

Joyce Krivanek, 83 year old resident of Upsala, MN, was called home to the arms of her savior with her husband, Bill and family by her side on December 4, 2020 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at the Community Covenant Church in Upsala, MN, with Pastor Steve Weihsmann officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, until the start of the service on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the church or the Upsala Community Center.

Joyce Lorraine White, the daughter of Kenneth and Lucille (Sleight) White was born October 1, 1937 in St. Paul, MN. She grew up in the same small house with her parents and 6 siblings until graduation from Monroe High School in 1956. After graduation, she worked for Montgomery Ward as a cook in their employee cafeteria and then for Univac until her marriage to her high school sweetheart, William (Bill) A. Krivanek, Jr on September 6, 1958 at Olivet Methodist Church in St. Paul. The couple lived in St. Paul for a few years while starting their new family. Due to job promotions at St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company where Bill worked, the family moved often. First to Detroit, MI; then Los Angeles, CA; and then Kansas City, MO. Their final move was to Upsala, MN in December of 1976. Soon after, the couple purchased the Trustworthy Hardware Store in Upsala, and the small town became their final and forever place to call home. Joyce demonstrated her love for Upsala

and children by handing out candy to any children that came into the hardware store, babysitting for parents who had no other options, giving free haircuts to countless young (and not so young) kids, and most of all after retirement, playing Mrs. Santa next to her husband at the Upsala Lion's Santa Breakfast every December. Joyce was blessed with an angelic soprano voice and perfect pitch that allowed her to perform at countless funerals, weddings, church programs and patriotic ceremonies over many years. She was a devoted follower of Christ and member of the Upsala Community Covenant Church. She demonstrated Christ's love by volunteering at nearly every church function, taught Sunday school, and hosted anyone that had nowhere to go to join with her family for holiday meals. Baking was an enjoyed past time for her as she was known far and wide for her fabulous Apple pies. When she did sit down and relax, it was to read her Bible, which was never very far from her reach.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bill of Upsala; sisters, Marilyn Kappelhoff (James) of East Bethel, Sandy White of Albany; children, Bill (Ann) of Alexandria, Cheryl Warga (Bruce) of Holdingford, Tom (Stephanie) of Greenfield, and Susie Ripplinger (Paul) of Holdingford; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers, Kenneth, William, Roger, Robert; grandson, TJ Krivanek and infant granddaughter, Grace Ripplinger.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Covenant Church
122 S Main St
Upsala, MN 56384

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Joyce Krivanek

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ My condolences to the Krivanek family. I knew both Joyce and Bill from high school, both super people. RIP.

Bill Branum-class of 56 - December 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Always enjoyed visiting with Joyce a Bill at the clinic. I don't think I will ever forget the labe girls taking her fishing license for her insurance card. Never laughed so hard. We always has something to talk about when we saw each other and so many good laughs. Joyce may you R.I.P. Hugs to Bill and her family. Susie you had the best mom. Remember all the good times 😊😊😊

Lori Krebs - December 09, 2020 at 07:42 PM

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“ I knew Joyce Krivanek as Bruce Warga's wife's Cheryl's mother, (Bruce's mother-in-law). Saw her at Bruce and Cheryl's wedding and activities. Another time many years later in Upsala she was serving food at some event under a large roof . I remember the aroma of the FRESH, most DELICIOUS hamburgers. She was very efficient, friendly, and a lady that very much knew what's what, definitely a go-getter .

Our sympathy to all the Krivaneks and the Bruce Warga Family, (Joyce's daughter Cheryl and grandchildren.)

Al and Sylvia Chai (Marcinko) My Mom Ann Marcinko taught at Upsala Consolidated School 1943-1953 and I attended Grades 1-3.

Sylvia (Marcinko) Chai - December 08, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ Our condolences to the Krivanenk Family from Richard, Karen, Kelly, and Katy Muckala, New York Mills - former teacher at Upsala High School.



Richard Muckala - December 07, 2020 at 08:35 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of Joyce. She was such a fun person to visit with at the hardware store. When I first came to Upsala, she would fill me in on how convenient Upsala was, what businesses were there, etc. She was ready to help with whatever I needed at the store. Joyce sure had a lovely family with all those grands! I have fond memories of seeing her on the street or at the store, always so cheerful! Sincerely, Lynda Tarbuck, formerly from Upsala.

Lynda Tarbuck - December 04, 2020 at 05:09 PM