



Mothers Never Die

*You have never lost your mother,
Though you've said your last goodbyes,
Though there's heartbreak in the parting.*

No one's mother really dies!

*If you love to hear the old songs for memories they bring,
It's because you had a mother who had taught your heart to sing.*

*If you stop to help a neighbor,
Search your heart and you will find,*

It's because you had a mother who's taught you to be kind.

*If you go to church when weary,
Seeking God to guide your way,*

It's because you had a mother who's taught you how to pray.

*No, you've never lost your mother,
Though you've said your last goodbyes,
Through your thoughts and deeds she's living.*

No one's mother really dies!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joanne Mary Tritz

WHO WAS BORN
December 8, 1937
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
January 22, 2023
Saint Cloud, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father David Breu

MUSICIANS
Becky Draper, Organist
Renee Schwebach, Paula Baxter, Joanne Marihart, Jeanne Meidl, Vocalists
Ryan Homan, Trumpeter

READERS
Val Tritz | Michelle Nelson | Laura Murphy | Andrew Tritz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Amanda Bruinsma | Samantha Notch | Morgan Notch

CASKET BEARERS
Nick Tritz | Brian Tritz | Ryan Homan | Brandon Nigg
Wyatt Tritz | Justin Tritz | Nathan Nigg | Tyler Homan

INTERMENT
At A Later Date
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Joanne's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the Mass, please join the family for food and fellowship in the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home
Graceville, Minnesota

Joanne Mary (Ritter) Tritz was born on December 8, 1937, in Graceville, MN, to Lewis and Blanche (Cota) Ritter. While growing up, she worked in her parent's café. She attended Graceville High School, graduated in 1955, and later attended Minneapolis Business College. While in the Twin Cities, she worked in the office at Cargill.

On March 25, 1959, Joanne was united in marriage with Milo Elmer Tritz at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville, MN. Together, they resided in rural Dumont, MN, where they proceeded to raise, with love and devotion, seven children while operating their grain farm. Joanne was a dedicated housewife and helped on the farm by driving grain truck, packing and delivering lunch boxes, running after parts, and bookkeeping. In her "spare" time, she loved gardening, canning, sewing, decorating cakes, listening to music, singing, dancing, and visiting with neighbors and friends. Joanne worked hard her entire life, but she never tired of giving of herself and lending a helping hand in so many ways. Joanne and Milo did find time to travel and loved to watch sunsets in Maui.

Joanne's heart was full of love for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed attending grandchildren's events and activities and celebrating with all of them and she was often the life of the party. Joanne was very proud of the fact that she had such a large family and when they all gathered together at holidays, she could be heard saying to her husband, "Just look what we started!"

In 1976, Joanne and Milo purchased Pleasant Pines Resort near Hackensack, MN. Joanne enjoyed spending time up north and was known for sitting under the "knowledge tree" visiting with guests and driving around on the golf cart just "checking things out". She spent several summers managing and enjoyed her "PPR family".

Joanne had a good heart, a strong faith, a generous soul, and treasured the people in her life. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 63 years, Milo; her children: Kenneth (Gloria) Tritz, Terry (Lois) Tritz, Sandy Homan, Bev (Tim) Nigg, Randy (Melissa) Tritz, Todd (Val) Tritz, and Lori (Tom) Notch; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; brother, William "Bill" Ritter; and sister-in-law, Bonnie (Murray) Ritter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Blanche; her sister, Donna (Ritter) Tritz, her brother, James "Jim" Ritter; brother-in-law, Donald Tritz; sister-in-law, Elaine (Curran) Ritter; and son-in-law, Kevin Homan.

Blessed be her memory.



In Loving Memory