



### *Mother's Touch*

*There's magic in a mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile.  
There's love in everything she does  
To make our lives worthwhile.*

*We can find both hope and courage  
Just by looking in her eyes.  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
Her words are warm and wise.*

*There is a kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace.  
And we see the light of Heaven  
Shining from our mother's face.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Jeanette Rose Kaercher*

WHO WAS BORN

July 27, 1939  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 1, 2019  
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, December 6, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.  
Abiding Faith Free Lutheran Church  
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Richard Larson

MUSICIANS

Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pianist  
Meg Scholberg, Violinist

Vocalists:

Jerolyn Homrighausen | Doriene Huizenga  
Laura Berger | Ronda Sellin | Denise Scherer

CASKET BEARERS

Jeanette's Grandchildren:

Forrest Roberts | Corbin Roberts | Braeden Roberts  
Riley Blake | Clarissa Blake  
Martin "Mark" Verheul | Michael Verheul

HONORARY BEARERS

Jeanette's Brothers and Sisters

The Caregivers at Fairway View Neighborhoods  
The Caregivers at Avantara- Milbank

INURNMENT

At a Later Date  
Mound Cemetery  
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Jeanette's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Ortonville, Minnesota

Jeanette Rose Buechler was born in Minneapolis on July 27, 1939, the second of eight children born to Adolph John and Eleanor Anna (O'Neil) Buechler of Northeast Minneapolis. Jeanette was the eldest daughter and had four brothers and three sisters. The four older children were born before World War II and the four younger siblings were born after Adolph returned home from the war.

As a young girl, Jeanette enjoyed traveling to Blue Lake to her Aunt Peggy's cabin where she could swim, catch and play with frogs. She spent special time with Aunt Peggy frequenting the 12<sup>th</sup> floor restaurant at Dayton's Department store in downtown Minneapolis. In high school Jeanette babysat and worked as a car-hop at Davey Crockett's Drive-In where she donned a coonskin cap as part of her uniform.

Jeanette attended Edison High School and graduated with the class of 1957. Following graduation, she worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Minneapolis. It was there she became an independent woman and learned her clerical and financial skills.

Growing up Jeanette enjoyed listening to the Minnesota Twins baseball games on the radio with her father, A.J. This started her lifelong interest in sports and she continued to be an avid fan of the Twins, Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Gopher football and basketball teams.

It was on her way home from a Minnesota Gopher vs. Wisconsin Badger football game that Jeanette met Jim Kaercher. She was enjoying conversation with a girlfriend on the train back to Minneapolis when Jim being smitten with her beauty, approached her and engaged her in conversation. She was somewhat annoyed with his persistence and interruptions.

Jim was co-owner, publisher of the *Ortonville Independent* in Ortonville and made frequent, weekly trips from Ortonville to Minneapolis for business and to court Jeanette. The two eventually eloped and wed at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa on May 26, 1962. They made their home in Ortonville. Jeanette transitioned from big city gal to small town girl.

To this union were born three daughters: Collette Marie, Suzette Jone and Sara Jayne. Jeanette enjoyed being a stay-at-home mother and was instrumental in raising her daughters. She taught them Christian values, helped them with homework, studying, made sure they practiced their musical instruments, drove them to numerous school events and friend's houses. She also was known to give many of the girls' friends rides home from Mr. Bud's after late night sporting events – often arriving in her pajamas and curlers. She was a fun mom and a good sport and many of the girls' friends thought of Jeanette as a second mom to them because of her kindness and good nature. Jeanette enjoyed having kids around and invited them up to the house to swim, build forts, play ping pong, billiards, have backyard carnivals with the horses host one-act plays and welcomed them to stay overnight. She also was a host mom to Irene Bouas, an exchange student from Corfu, Greece. She was a caregiver at heart and welcomed

the idea of moving the family in with her father-in-law, Lem, to care for him in his aging years.

Jeanette and Jim were active in the Jaycees as a young couple, were members of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star and were active members of the Ortonville United Church of Christ Congregational Church. Jeanette was active in the Church Circle and assisted with numerous potlucks. She played Bridge twice a month with some of her longtime friends for over 50 years. Jeanette was an excellent hostess, co-hosting pool parties and barbeques with Jim for friends, family and *Independent* employees. She hosted an annual Buechler family reunion where relatives came out from Minneapolis and others traveled from Seneca, SD area to meet halfway.

Jeanette enjoyed boating and waterskiing in her early married years and was an avid bowler playing initially on teams at the original Ortonville Granite Lanes in downtown Ortonville and later playing on a league at the Alley Cat Lanes. For many years, Jeanette helped at the *Ortonville Independent* by inserting fliers and ads into the weekly newspapers. She delivered the newsstand copies on Tuesday nights and hauled the bundles to the post office for mailing. Eventually the girls also helped and it became a family affair. She occasionally worked a Saturday here and there answering phones when needed to fill in, but her primary role was to be a loving mother.

Jeanette enjoyed traveling with her family, going to movies and being with her grandchildren. She loved listening to music-attending concerts, especially musicals, going to Chanhassen Dinner Theater, and playing Name That Tune. She was a trivia buff, often winning at Trivial Pursuit and loved helping Jim solve his daily crossword puzzles. It was fitting Jeanette married a newspaper man, because she read the daily *Star Tribune* and weekly *Ortonville Independent* from cover to cover.

Jeanette was a calm, caring, kind-hearted soul who put other's needs before hers. She was always available, never too busy, when her daughters, family or friends needed her. She was strong in her faith and was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend.

Preceding Jeanette in death were her parents: Adolph and Eleanor Buechler; brothers: Douglas Buechler and Timothy Buechler; sister, MaryJean Buechler; husband, James Kaercher; and daughter, Suzette Kaercher-Blake.

Survivors include: sisters: Karen Wienke of Baldwin, WI; RoseLee (Al Milstein) Buechler of Northeast Minneapolis; brothers: Jim (Barb) Buechler of Frisco, TX.; and Steven (Margo) Buechler of Brooklyn, Park, MN; daughters: Collette Kaercher-Roberts of Minnetrista, MN; and Sara (Todd) Verheul of Ortonville, MN; grandchildren: Forrest Roberts of St. Louis Park, MN; Corbin Roberts of Minnetrista, MN.; Braeden Roberts of Minneapolis Stadium Village, MN; Riley Blake of New Hope, MN; Clarissa Blake of Ortonville, MN; Martin "Mark" Verheul and Michael Verheul of Ortonville, MN; and many nieces and nephews.



# Remembered In Love