



Legacy OF *Love*

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You **TAUGHT US LOVE** and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were **ALWAYS KIND**.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll
Eternally Keep.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Joy Yvonne Aaberg

MARCH 11, 1931 – DECEMBER 28, 2021

Services At:

Fron Lutheran Church — Starbuck, Minnesota
Thursday — January 6, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Paul Johnson

Musician:

Shari Opdahl

Special Music:

Ann Barsness

Family Remembrances:

Ann Barsness, Gail Lommen, Megan Baxendale
Paige Meier & Amy Jorgenson

Scripture Readers:

Mia Meier, Megan Baxendale & Hannah Hunter

Pallbearers:

Zachary Aaberg, Gregg Johnson, Erik Barsness
Tayte Wasiloski, Nick Lommen, Anders Lommen

Honorary Pallbearers:

Joy's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Interment:

Fron Lutheran Cemetery

Joy Yvonne Johnson, daughter of Herman “Butch” and Orrie (Tennessee) Johnson, was born March 11, 1931 with twin brother Gene, in Ada, Minnesota where she was baptized and spent her early years. The family later moved to Glenwood, Minnesota where she was confirmed and attended school. During her junior year of high school, the family moved to Starbuck and she graduated from Starbuck High School in 1949. Following her schooling, Joy began working for Dr. Larson as a dental assistant. She also worked as a telephone operator at Starbuck Telephone Company. Her twin brother, Gene introduced her to his fishing partner, Palmer Aaberg and the couple began dating. On June 26, 1954, Palmer and Joy eloped to Nashua, Iowa and were married at The Little Brown Church in the Vale. They made their home in South Minneapolis where they were blessed with four children: Paul, Allan, Amy and Gail. In 1973, the family moved to Starbuck, Minnesota. Following Palmer’s retirement, Joy and Palmer spent many winters in Texas and Arizona. Joy wintered south until she was 89 years old! In the Spring of 2020, Joy moved to Holly Ridge in Starbuck where she continued to live until the time of her death.

Joy was a very active member of Fron Lutheran Church. She was involved with sewing and quilting groups, bible study and served on many committees. She was also a member of the Starbuck V.F.W. Auxiliary and was very involved with supporting Palmer with his career at the Post Office and Rural Letter Mail Carriers. She was his right hand at helping as secretary. Joy was also very active with her children’s activities. She was the go-to mom always bringing snacks and bars to events. She was a Girl Scout leader, member of the Starbuck Study Club, the Red Hats Club and Sons of Norway. Joy loved bingo, traveling, shopping, baking, making lefse, knitting, crocheting and dancing with Palmer. Family was so important to Joy. She enjoyed going on skiing trips to Montana but never once put on a ski. She always said she couldn’t ski but she could “chalet”. In August of 2019, Joy finally made it to Norway with her family; a trip that she had always dreamed about. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage. Joy loved to have people over. Her door was always open, and the coffee was always on.

Joy passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the Stevens Community Medical Center in Morris, Minnesota. She was 90 years old.

She is survived by two sons: Paul Aaberg of Starbuck and Allan (Laurie) Aaberg of Starbuck; two daughters: Amy (Mike) Jorgenson of Montevideo and Gail (Dave) Lommen of Minnetonka; eight grandchildren: Amber Wasiloski of Starbuck, Megan (Richard) Baxendale of Minneapolis, Zachary (Callie Schiele) Aaberg of Golden, CO, Sarah (Travis Rinckenberger) Aaberg of Fargo, ND, Paige (Caleb) Meier of Alexandria, Whitney (Josh Temple) Hunter of Blooming Prairie, Nick Lommen of Atlanta, GA and Anders Lommen of Bozeman, MT; nine great-grandchildren: Tayte and Daxton Wasiloski, Mia, Eleigh and Eve Meier, Hannah, Gauge and Cree Hunter and Truly Temple; sister: Ann (Erling) Barsness of Billings, MT; sister-in-law: Elaine Raine of Alexandria and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Palmer; her parents; twin Brother: Gene Johnson and sister-in-law: JoAnne Johnson.

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