



## JoAnn Bakken

September 11, 1939 - January 30, 2012

JoAnn Tolstad was born September 11, 1939 in Valley City, ND to Albert and Johanna (Berge) Tolstad. She was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Dazey, ND. She attended school in Dazey, graduating in 1957. Following graduation, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN for two years.

She ventured to California and worked for NASA at Vandenberg Air Force Base and later worked for the US Navy. Her career took her to Columbia, Missouri, where she met and later married, Buddy Roberts. They moved to Brooklyn Park, MN and eventually to Texas. After Buddy was diagnosed with cancer, the family moved back to the Tolstad farm near Dazey.

JoAnn met and married John Bakken. They made their home in Hannaford, ND. The couple spent their summers at Lake of the Woods. John passed away in 1996. She continued to live in Hannaford until her death.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

JoAnn died at Mercy Hospital in Valley City, ND on January 30, 2012. She is survived by her sons, Steve Roberts and Bryon (Michelle) Roberts both of Mesa, AZ, a granddaughter, Micheala Roberts; a brother, Ron Tolstad of Valley City, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 husbands, and 2 brothers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church-Hannafor  
Hannafor, ND

## Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church-Hannafor  
Hannafor, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ JoAnn: Just like that, it seems, you're gone. I lost you for two years while dealing with my own health issues, yet you were never far from my thoughts. My heart aches at certain times of the year for thinking about sharing some thought or other with you, and now to know that that's all I'll have left: the memories, the yearnings. It's tragic that Dorene and I were each of us thinking about you so-o-o hard the week before. And that Saturday I told myself I wish I could write. That awful Monday when Mom called me at work (something she's never done before.)---You left us too soon. Were you as surprised at your arriving as we were at your departing? None of us who knew you will EVER be the same. I sincerely hope Steven and Bryon are holding up OK; I find myself at odd times having to rapidly get ahold of myself before I lose it entirely. You won't be there waiting for me when I retire in 9 1/2 years, but I'll make sure to make a space for you when I get there. All my love,  
Alana###imported-begin##Alana Tolstad###imported-end##

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February 13, 2012 at 12:46 AM



“ Steve & Bryan, I'm sorry to hear about your mom. She was always very nice to me when us guys were hanging out. Sorry I couldn't be there for the funeral. It would have been very nice to see you guys. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Darek Quick###imported-end##

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February 05, 2012 at 10:20 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you today. I won't be making it due to fog but know that I am with you in heart. I am remembering Jo's beautiful smile and laugh today.##imported-begin##Zoe##imported-end##

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February 04, 2012 at 06:35 AM



“ Joann was a very sweet lady. I will miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Darci Magnuson##imported-end##

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February 03, 2012 at 03:21 PM



“ It was great hearing from you Bryon. I know that you all are very busy putting things in order....cherish the photos....the memories....the love. I work Friday but will be there Saturday. Let me know if you need anything. Zoe##imported-begin##Zoe Henke##imported-end##

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February 02, 2012 at 09:25 PM



“ JoAnn, was an great mom, friend to make you laugh . From the first time she met me . When I came over to the farm to see Bryon she made me feel like part of the family . JoAnn you will allways be mist but never foregotton .##imported-begin##Al Johnson##imported-end##

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February 02, 2012 at 09:03 PM



“ Steven and Bryan, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish we could be with you.

JoAnn was a special aunt to us. I will always remember her smile and her laugh.

Know that she was so proud of both of you.##imported-begin##Travis and Lorrie (Tolstad) Coker##imported-end##

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February 01, 2012 at 04:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you always. Jo was a very special lady with a wonderful-fun personality. I will truly miss hearing from her. She always spoke so highly of her family...she loved all of you dearly.

Love

Zoe##imported-begin##Vernon and ZoeAnn (Tolstad) Henke##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 08:30 PM