



## JoAnn "Joie" Heckman

December 1, 1936 - July 29, 2025

Joie's service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/5287966>

JoAnn "Joie" Heckman, 88, Dilworth, MN formerly Valley City, ND passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Lilac Homes. A Celebration of her life will be held 2pm, Wednesday, August 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City with visitation one hour before the service at the church.

JoAnn Linda Larson, the daughter of John A. and Clarinda (Lewis) Larson of Fertile, MN, on December 1, 1936. Joie went to a one room country school a mile from where she lived. She began her freshman year of high school in Fertile and graduated in 1954. Joie moved to Fargo, ND, where she began her 45-year banking/teller career with First National Bank.

Joie was first married in 1958 and had two beloved children Renae and Mike Boyle. She was later divorced and became a single mother. They were tough years. Joie met her wonderful 2nd husband, Lloyd Heckman from Valley City at a singles dance, she loved dancing! They were married on June 16, 1979, in Moorhead, MN. They made their home in Valley City where she continued working with First National Bank, Valley City branch as a teller. As the bank changed ownership over the years, Joie retired from Wells Fargo Bank in 1999. Lloyd passed away September 26, 1995.

On weekends, during the 80s, Joie also was a waitress at the Hilltop Cafe and clerked at Auctions near Valley City. After her retirement, she was a part-time care giver for several ladies in Valley City, running errands for them, dispensing medications, sitting with them, picking up groceries and taking them to lunch. In 2021, at age 85, Joie ended doing care giving but continued to spend time visiting her many friends.

Joie was the type of person that couldn't say no. She enjoyed being around people and had a very good sense of humor and loved jokes. She always greeted you with a smile. Joie loved her chocolates. She loved shopping. She was always put together with earrings, necklace, lipstick, and a snappy outfit. She looked like a pixie, but was a mighty survivor.

She was on a bowling league in her younger years. She loved to read. She also did beautiful work knitting, crocheting, and had aspirations of quilting.

She was an active member within Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City.

Joie is survived by her daughter Renae Boyle (Curt Woltjer) and son Michael Boyle (Denise); sister Anna Jean (Bunny) Larson; grandchildren Brianna Woltjer, CJ Boyle, Carly Boyle, Laura Boyle Alyssa Fortier; Sisters-in-law, Renee Larson and Clarice Heckman; Brother-in-law Joe Dinich; Nieces Melissa Cox (Larson), Shawn Woolworth, Diane Heckman, Tami Brash, Kathy Langemo, Janet Heckman, and Nephews Kristen Larson Jess Boyle and Greg Heckman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Curt Larson and Sheldon Larson; brothers-in-law Bernie Heckman and Lawrence Heckman, Jack Boyle, Bill Boyle, Delle Boyle, and sisters-in-law Marie Penuel, Gloria Boyle, Maxine Boyle, Kathy Boyle, Ethel Heckman and Geneva Heckman.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church Valley City, ND  
499 4th Ave NW  
Valley City, ND 58072

## A Celebration of Life Service

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of JoAnn "Joie" Heckman*



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JB

*Beautiful tribute to a dear friend.*

Julie Bergrud - August 06, 2025 at 06:08 PM

SW

“ Joie entered our lives when my father entered a fragile period with his health. Thanks to Dr. Mitzel who furnished a list of possible caregiving candidates to come to our house each day. Joie came highly recommended based on her work history. Our mother had entered Sheyenne Care Center as a resident, leaving Dad alone. He welcomed Joie when she accepted our invitation to become his daily caregiver. Her kindness and sincerity will never be forgotten. Joie was such a huge blessing to our family!

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**Shelley Williamson** - August 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM

BN

“ Steve & I enjoyed looking at all the old photos. His parents Aaron & Marian Ness were neighbors many years ago. I remember meeting JoAnn when she and Anna Jean came to our farm several years ago now. I so enjoyed meeting these special ladies. Sympathy to Renae & Mike and to her whole family. What a very beautiful lady.

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**Betty Ness** - August 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM

MS

“ Joie and I worked together for a short time at Wells Fargo. I loved working with her. We laughed and joked about everything. We shared a birthday month and so much more. I have thought of her often and her optimism. She was such a wonderful person. Rest in peace, Joie

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**Maureen Svihovec** - August 05, 2025 at 11:43 PM

BN

“ Joie became my loving friend, fellow shopper, wonderful neighbor, fellow doll collector and all-around forever friend in 2017 when I moved back to Valley City. I have so many fun memories of our times together, giggling like teenagers and going on the best shopping trips ever. I will miss Joie's constant friendly smile and sunny disposition more than I can say. Heaven got a good one this time!



Bonnie Cink Ness - August 05, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2025 at 01:32 PM

GN

“ Geri and Brian Nelson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoAnn "Joie" Heckman.



Geri and Brian Nelson - August 04, 2025 at 10:06 PM

KB

“ Dear Family of Josie, I met her when she would visit my Mom in Valley City. Nice lady, always pleasant and smiling. Treasure the memories and the years you had her.

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**Kaye(Tait) Belzer** - August 04, 2025 at 06:07 PM

SL

“ I’ve known Joie since I was 6 years old and was in the girls Blue Birds group she hosted in her home. Her daughter Renae and I met at that time and have been life long best friends since those early days and consider each other “sister”. Joie was part of our life celebrations with graduations, college, weddings and births. I will forever hold close her gentle giggle, twinkle in her eye, sense of humor, fierce love of her kids and watching her find love with Lloyd. She holds a special place in my heart. My love to Renae and Mike, and families as you begin anew. May your memories of Joie bring you smiles and comfort during this difficult time and wrap you in her love.

*Hopes for healing and peace,  
Steph Luthi-Terry*

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**Steph Luthi-Terry** - August 04, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DF

“ Joie was that special person in my life who always had a smile and a hug. Going to the bank without Joie as the head teller was sad! Other tellers might be available but as one told me, "everyone waits for Joie." She was that kind caring servant person. What a gift she had! Blessings of peace and consolation to her family.... a family that meant so much to her.

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**Durward and Phyllis Otterness and family** - August 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ Our sympathy to Joie's family. She was a delightful "little Norwegian" who we got to know through the Son's of Norway Hjemdahl Lodge. She & I took a Norwegian language class with our lodge. May God's Comfort be with you all! Becky & Walt Schroeder

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**Becky Schroeder** - August 02, 2025 at 01:42 PM