



Joyce Maxine Greene

October 13, 1945 - November 28, 2018

Joyce Maxine Greene, 73, Valley City, ND passed away surrounded by her family at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND on November 28th, 2018.

Joyce was born on October 13th, 1945 in Maddock, ND to Melvin and Olga (Ness) Hjelden. She attended and graduated from Minnewaukan High School. She was united in marriage to James Greene on June 13th, 1969 in Kindred, ND, where they resided with their three children. While living in Kindred, Joyce provided care to migrant children. She went to work at Peterson's Grocery Store where she had many fun adventures with her co-workers. Jim and Joyce moved to Valley City in 1978, where she became employed by Foss Drug, then Mercy Hospital as a Certified Nurse's Assistant. In 1996, Jim's work brought them to Fargo, ND where she continued her love of caring for people at Bethany Nursing Home. In 2002, they retired and moved back to Valley City.

Joyce found great joy in attending sporting and music events of her grandchildren. She loved baking, fishing, working in her gardens, and the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Joyce is survived by her loving husband Jim and children Tina Nilsen, Valley City; Todd (Melissa) Greene, Fargo; Tonya (Jim) Breckheimer, Valley City; grandchildren, John (Jenna) Nilsen, Nichole Nilsen, Brianna Sowers, Brandon Breckheimer, and Brooke Breckheimer; great grandchildren Weston and Whitney Nilsen. Joyce is also survived by five brothers and three sisters, Mavis (Glen) Overby; Clarice Cramer; Myron Hjelden, Ardis (Curtis) Christianson, Rodney (Diane) Hjelden, Jerry Hjelden, David (Mary) Hjelden, Jim (Audrey) Hjelden, and brother-in-law Kenneth Bonn, and numerous nieces and nephews. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents Melvin and Olga Hjelden; sister Janice Bonn; nephews Danny Overby, Cory Hjelden, niece Sandy Mattson, and mother and father-in-law Lawrence and Rosie Greene.

A special thank you to her caregivers from Mercy Hospital, Valley City; Sanford Hospital, Fargo; Dr. Goven and City County Health, Valley City.

The family will greet friends at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, from 6-7 pm Thursday, December 6 with a prayer service at 7 pm. The funeral service will be 2 pm Friday at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Funeral arrangements for Joyce have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Prayer Service

DEC 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Maxine Greene*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 04, 2018 at 11:13 AM

“ Mom, well it's just passed 7 years now that you left us...I love & miss you terribly, however I think you would be proud of me as i have spent the time extensively studying the culture & even language of the Lakota Tribes.....

A Lakota Sioux prayer that i learned & brings peace to me dedicated to you.....

GrandMother East:

From you comes the sun which brings life to us all; I ask that you have the sun shine on my friends here, and bring a new life to them — a life without the pain and sadness of the world; and to their families, bring your sun for they also need your light for their lives.

GrandFather South:

You bring the storms from the south which brings the rains to nourish us and our crops. Be gentle when you fall on my friends; and as the rain touches them, let it wash away the pain and sadness that they carry with them.

GrandMother West:

You take the sun from us and cradle it in your arms, then you bring darkness onto us so that we may sleep. When you bring the darkness to my friends here, do so without the nightmares that we have had for so long. Let your stars and moon shine on my friends in a gentle manner; and as they look at the stars, they remember that those stars are the spirits of my friends shining on them and those friends are at peace.

GrandFather North:

You are the Warrior, you have ridden alongside my friends here into battle, you have also felt their love and caring when you were wounded or lonely; ride alongside of them, for now they are in this the hardest battle for their life, the battle for inner peace. Now is the time for you to care for them.

GrandFather Sky:

May your songs of the winds and clouds sweep the pain and sadness out of my friends' hearts; as they hear those songs, let them know the spirits who are with those songs are at peace.

GrandMother Earth:

I have asked all the other GrandFathers and GrandMothers to help my friends rid themselves of the troubles that weigh so heavy on their hearts. This way, the weight they carry will be less; and they will walk more softly on you.

GrandMother Earth, from your womb all spirits have come when they return to you; cradle them gently in your arms and allow them to join their friends in the skies. If they want to hurry themselves to you, tell them you are not ready; and they must wait, for now they can pass on peace to others.

May the Great Spirit watch over you, and may you be at peace.

Todd(translated to Sly Fox) - February 27 at 06:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *LifeTributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 05, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ 37 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 03, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. She was a dear lady. Our sympathies to the family. Hugs and prayers.
Cory and Kristi Anderson



Kristi Anderson - November 30, 2018 at 10:30 PM

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“ I just heard today about Joyce's passing, and I was saddened by the news. I went to school with her, and she was a second cousin, and our families got together quite often back then. Aside from a family reunion several years ago, we hadn't seen each other but connected again through Facebook. My deepest sympathy to you, Jim, and all the family. May God bless her memory.

Nadine (Hansen) Sinness

Nadine Sinness - November 30, 2018 at 08:00 PM

JH

“ We are **SADDENED** to hear of Joyce's passing, She was a dear lady, and will be **MISSED** by many. So sorry Jim & Family, and to all her siblings also.



june hjelden - November 30, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Maxine Greene .



November 30, 2018 at 02:19 PM