



JoAnn E. Schreiner

February 16, 1945 - March 24, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Cold Spring, MN, for JoAnn Evelyn Schreiner, age 81. Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date. The service will be livestreamed at www.christcatholic.com.

A visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 29th at Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN. Visitation will continue Monday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the funeral home.

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, JoAnn Evelyn Schreiner, 81, passed away on March 24, 2026, at St. Cloud Hospital, following a life richly lived in faith, family, friendship and good fun. JoAnn was fierce, feisty, hardworking, creative, and confident. She spoke with conviction and loved deeply, even when opinions differed. JoAnn was a connector, who welcomed all to her home, table, and the community.

JoAnn Linn was born on February 16, 1945, on the family farm in Watkins, Minnesota, to Ervin and Louise (Hommerding) Linn. She enjoyed all the adventure, laughter and mischief that came with being the fifth of nine children—Eileen (Max), Ralph (Theresia), Clarence (Marion), +Richard (Ann), +Loren (Betty), Lucy (+Vern), Roger (Neva), and Gary (Teresa). Never taking each other for granted, the siblings supported one another and celebrated together

through all of life's ups and downs.

She graduated in 1963 from Saint Boniface High School in Cold Spring. Following graduation, JoAnn had various jobs: helping on the family farm, working at local businesses, and operating a small in-home daycare.

On May 30, 1966, she married the love of her life, Reynold “Ray” Schreiner at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church. Ray and JoAnn’s nearly 60-year marriage was unbreakable. It is difficult to imagine one without the other, they were inseparable. Faith and family always came first.

Through marriage, JoAnn gained not only in-laws but lifelong friends—Ralph (Judi), +Vern (Lucy), Marion (Elmer), Sy, and Dave. JoAnn and her sister Lucy married brothers, Ray and Vern, intertwining two families in a unique and enduring bond.

In 1976, JoAnn and Ray founded Ray’s Construction, Inc., where she wore many hats, including office manager, design consultant, bookkeeper, and vice president. Her dedication and strong work ethic were instrumental in sustaining the business for five decades. JoAnn and Ray’s mark can be seen in the many physical homes across Cold Spring, a community that brought her joy and pride.

Above all, JoAnn’s most cherished role was that of mother and caregiver. She lovingly raised four children—Jennifer (Nick) Ridgeway, +Gregg, Lynn (Matt Downs), and Dana (Eric Swan)—and found great joy in watching them grow and thrive. Her life was marked by generosity and selflessness, as she cared for her aging parents, her in-laws, and her son during his illness until his death in 2019.

JoAnn's greatest joy came from her grandchildren—Emma (Austin), Stanley (Abby), Mary (Ethan), Kahle, Marissa, Calvin, Raea, Kylin, and Greer and great grandchildren- Layla and Henry—whom she loved spending time with and adored. She attended their school and sporting events, shared special traditions and family meals, and enjoyed everyday moments like playing, sledding, baking, reading stories, crafting, shopping and praying together. People often remarked that she had the energy of someone much younger than her actual years.

She was never one to miss out. If there was a gathering, she would be there. She adored spending time with friends and family (including 45 treasured nieces and nephews). JoAnn enjoyed coffee club with friends, golf, bowling league, water aerobics, cards (especially 500 and Euchre), board games, reading, and music. She knew how to have fun and bring people together. A creative and talented woman, she took pleasure in gardening, baking, painting, sewing, crocheting and dancing.

A devoted member of St. Boniface Parish, JoAnn volunteered in many ways over the years—assisting at the school, teaching religion, fundraising, delivering Meals on Wheels, cleaning the church, and greeting guests. She was a lifetime member of St. Boniface Church Christian Women.

JoAnn's life was one of love, laughter, and unwavering generosity. She had a natural way of leading—full of energy, opinions, and heart. She embraced her family, her faith, her community, and the joy of everyday life with enthusiasm. She will be profoundly missed

Cemetery Details

St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Visitation

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
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Mass

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



April 22 at 07:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

April 22 at 07:33 AM



“ We were so fortunate to have spent time with JoAnn and Ray during their last visit to California. We will miss her presence but will forever hold her in our hearts. Our sincerest condolences to Ray and family. Rich and Elizabeth Conway

Richard & Elizabeth Conway - March 31 at 11:44 AM



“ Derek G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

Derek G. - March 30 at 12:34 PM

DK

“ John and I send you our deepest sympathy in your loss! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers! She was always friendly with a smile on her face! Love Donna and John Knaus

Donna J Knaus - March 29 at 04:17 PM

DC

“ We are so sad to hear of the loss of JoAnn. She was such a special person to us all. Sending love and prayers to Ray and the whole family. Love, Peggy Fritz and Diane and Jamie Crannell

Diane Crannell - March 28 at 08:03 PM

DC

“ Diane C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

Diane C. - March 28 at 07:56 PM

SR

“ Joann led an impressive giving life. We will miss her terribly. Love,
Jim and Sharon Ridgeway

Sharon Ridgeway - March 28 at 06:38 PM

FF

“ From, the Cold Spring Carpet Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



From, the Cold Spring Carpet Family - March 28 at 11:45 AM

MA

“ Mankato Clinic Audiology purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



Mankato Clinic Audiology - March 28 at 11:02 AM

KF

“ Killion Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



Killion Family - March 27 at 10:24 PM

RL

“ JoAnn's obituary is very beautifully written. JoAnn inspired many with her knowledge and kindness. I was blessed with a wonderful sister-in-law. Memories of great times will be locked in my heart forever. Prayers to Ray and their families.
Got to love ya! Neva and Roger

Roger and Neva Linn - March 27 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ The Schwieters Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

The Schwieters Family - March 27 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ The Schwieters Family purchased the Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



The Schwieters Family - March 27 at 04:38 PM

LF

“ LinnTile and Flooring purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



LinnTile and Flooring - March 27 at 04:08 PM

RK

“ Roni (Jeff) and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

Roni (Jeff) and kids - March 27 at 03:55 PM

RK

“ Roni (Jeff) and kids purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



Roni (Jeff) and kids - March 27 at 03:55 PM

JK

“ *Jamie Kiess lit a candle in memory of JoAnn E. Schreiner*



Jamie Kiess - March 27 at 02:44 PM

LE

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to Ray and family. So sorry to read of JoAnn's passing. She was a wonderful person and we always enjoyed the visits when she joined you in the neighborhood at North Pointe.
Erick and Linda*

Linda Eisenschenk - March 27 at 02:40 PM

DF

“ *Dain F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.*

Dain F. - March 27 at 02:03 PM



“ *Terri Montgomery lit a candle in memory of JoAnn E. Schreiner*



Terri Montgomery - March 27 at 01:20 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



March 27 at 01:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

March 27 at 01:05 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



March 27 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.

March 27 at 12:23 PM



“ Tim and Tina Wakefield purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



Tim and Tina Wakefield - March 27 at 12:07 PM

SS

“ *My sincere sympathy to Ray and family for the loss of a wonderful wife and mother.*

Sandy Storms - March 27 at 11:07 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.*



March 27 at 11:05 AM

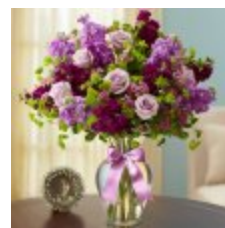


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn E. Schreiner.*

March 27 at 09:44 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.*



March 27 at 09:44 AM

CF

“ *To Ray and family our deepest sympathy with the loss of JoAnn,also sending prayers to the Linn and Schreiner familys ,may she rest in peace.*

Carol Lahr and family - March 27 at 09:11 AM

TW

*Our heartfelt condolences Ray and loved ones 🙏 JoAnn has been an incredible blessing , touching the lives of so many as God placed Her among us to Make a Difference 😊
Prayer now to strengthen You as you continue to carry JoAnn spirit of caring, sharing and Daring to be Light for her entire life on Earth ❤️☐*

Tom Weber - March 27 at 10:30 AM

SD

“ We are sending our most heartfelt sympathy to all of you with the loss of JoAnn. You and JoAnn were a very special couple, Ray, and we know how proud you both were of your wonderful family. Please know we are sending many thoughts and prayers to all of you in this most difficult time. In sympathy, Steve and Vicki DiBrito

Steve & Vicki DiBrito - March 27 at 07:47 AM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of JoAnn E. Schreiner.



March 27 at 07:39 AM

JF

“ Jill Ficker lit a candle in memory of JoAnn E. Schreiner



Jill Ficker - March 26 at 09:58 PM