



## Jolene "Joey" Johnson

February 27, 1942 - December 8, 2023

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, December 16, 2023, at Peace Lutheran Church in Cold Spring, MN. For Jolene M. Johnson, age 81, who died Friday, December 8, 2023, at Assumption Home surrounded by family.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday, at the church.

Joey was born in Northwood, Iowa to Knute and Bernice (Bjerke) Tonga. She married the love of her life Larry Johnson on April 10, 1960, in Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN. She drove school bus for Richmond Bus Service and then worked for Target until her retirement. Joey was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Women's American Bowling Association and GMC International. She loved traveling with her husband Larry. They wintered down south in FL, TX, and AZ from 1977 – 2017. During the summer they traveled to 49 of the 50 states and camped in 48 of them. Spending time at their cabin in Side Lake, MN with their grandchildren brought them so much joy. Joey and Larry traveled all over the country bowling in National Bowling Tournaments. She loved dancing and music. Any time there was music playing she was on her feet dancing. Joey was extremely kind loving and gave hugs and kisses to everyone she met.

She is survived by her children, Randy, Jorrie (Rocco) Frucci, Janell (Todd)

Bauer; grandchildren, Josh (Lynette) Bauer, Adam (Amber) Bauer and Isaac Bauer, Mario (Claire) Frucci, Ryan (Paige) Frucci, Lia Frucci and Luke Frucci; great-grandchildren, Chevelle, Gaige, Aiden, Adelynn, Roy, Ryleigh and Pryor; siblings, Cledith (Darlene) Tonga and DonnaBelle Oakland; stepsister, Ardis Waldron.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry; parents; stepfather, Herman Behrends; siblings, Bernadine, Ardell, Merlyn, Clifford, Shallie, Geraldine "Gari", Tony; stepsiblings, Russell, Ruby, and Lolene.

Joey's family would like to thank Assumption Home and St. Croix Hospice for the wonderful care of their mother.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Peace Lutheran Church  
1000 Red River Ave N  
Cold Spring, MN 56320-4558  
(320) 685-7656

## Funeral Services

DEC **16.** 1:30 PM.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



December 14, 2023 at 11:52 AM



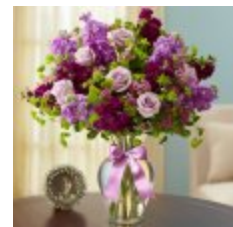
“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



December 13, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Chip and Michele Bauer and family purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



**Chip and Michele Bauer and family** - December 13, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Joe and Katie Gall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*

**Joe and Katie Gall** - December 12, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



December 12, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *I will miss my little chats with Jolene, which we often had after church services. Her glass always seemed half-full. She was also very supportive of my "Send Again" recycled greeting cards ministry. Rest in peace ... Melanie Braunberger*

**Melanie Braunberger** - December 12, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



December 11, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Jolene "Joey" Johnson.*



December 10, 2023 at 11:56 PM

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“ *My favorite memory is learning to dance. I was maybe 15 or 16 and lucky to go with Aunt Joey to the inlaw cabin on the lake. We practiced all the latest moves like the swim, the twist, the bunnies hop and more. It was a magical week.*

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**Cindy Tonga Rooley** - December 10, 2023 at 11:40 PM