



Obituary

Born: Monday, October 9, 1933

Died: Monday, June 15, 2020

Woodland Hills
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Joan Elaine Rowe came into this world the middle child of 7 children, to Helen and John Rowe, on October 9, 1933 in Jackson, MN. Jo left this world, Monday June 15, 2020 in Mankato, MN. Private services will be held. Interment will be in Russell, MN.

Throughout her life she strived to “be heard” and proved to be a “passionate” and “spicy” addition to friends, family, co-worker lives. You always knew where you stood with Jo, you never had to guess.

Service Summary

Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -

In 1951 she married, had four children; daughter, Terrie (Ron) Reed of Mankato, daughter, Cathy Buchert, whom passed at the age of 7 in 1960; son, Kenneth (Lucy Lindsey) Buchert of Somerset, Ca; and youngest daughter, Kristine Perendy of Mankato. She was very proud, deeply loved and doted on her grandchildren, Ryan Reed, Kara Buchert Fletcher, and Josh Perendy. In 2011, Jo reveled in becoming the great-grandmother of Kara and her husband, Daniel, children; Mason, Aliyah and Emmelie.

When most people are settled into their career path or planning for retirement, Jo decided to go back to school at age 55. While she went back to college Jo competed in collegiate DECA competitive events. She very proudly graduated from SCTC and secured a job that she loved and fit her very well. Her passion was to help people and she was very good at telling them how to help themselves.

She enjoyed volunteering, playing cards, gardening, she was an avid reader of all subjects, enjoyed visiting with family and friends and watched all True Life Murder TV shows she could.

Jo enjoyed being involved, she was a joiner and gave 100% to the activity. She was a cheerleader and member of the pep squad while attending and graduating High School in Russell, MN. As an adult, she was empathetic, passionate and desired to help her co-workers and friends in any way she could.

Jo was a supporter of women and their rights in the workplace.

In Jo’s twilight years (80s) she was constantly told to slow down and to try “walking” (she had two artificial knees and a cane) instead of running everywhere she went! She self – declared herself a “nut” or “nutsy” as she was fond of saying

and when she was diagnosed with dementia would say, “I have always had a bad memory, so it doesn’t matter”, I remember what's important to me.

Mom wrote in her memorial service instructions that her wish was for a "get together" of family and friends to share stories, memories and laughs of her. Her last paragraph was this; “This will be my last opportunity to thank my children and anyone else whose life has touched mine to make life interesting and constantly changing. I hope I have become a better person because of it. Have a great time!” – Joan Rowe

To celebrate and honor Jo’s life, we'd like to request donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation - alzfdn.org, BrightFocus Foundation (for dementia) – brightfocus.org or if you enjoy volunteering perhaps a senior facility could benefit.

Thank you, Family of Jo Rowe