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Born

October 25, 1944
Pipestone, Minnesota

Died

November 9, 2021
Wadena, Minnesota

Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
Deer Creek, Minnesota
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Clergy

Pastor Donald Wagner

Organist

Marcus Lueders

Pallbearers

Tim Johnson ~ Jeff Stevens ~ Ed Wegscheid
Rick Wegscheid ~ Dave Guse ~ Darren Guse
Dan Kovar ~ Don Melz ~ Rick Garrels

Honorary Pallbearers

Andrew Bendlen ~ Kim Bendlen ~ Ryan Leaderbrand
Terance Kovar ~ Travis Kovar ~ Trina Kovar
Ashley Kovar ~ Stephanie Kovar ~ Ana Cline

Survived By

Loving husband Joseph; children: Joseph Kovar Jr, Kelly (Wayne) Leaderbrand, Kristy (Tom) Bendlen, Jeff (Beth Kirchenwitz Cline) Kovar, Jason (LaRae) Kovar, James (Krista) Kovar; 9 grandchildren; siblings: Richard "Bud" (Pauline) Riemer, Jean (Don) Kassube, Carol (Jim) Guse, Randy (Deb) Riemer; many other relatives and a host of friends

Laid to Rest

Compton Cemetery
Deer Creek, Minnesota



*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around her
And whispered "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer,
And saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly.
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.*



Joyce Ann Riemer was born on October 25, 1944, in Pipestone, Minnesota. Her parents were the late Richard John and Esther Elsie (Buchholz) Riemer. She was baptized on November 19, 1944, in Pipestone and was confirmed on May 17, 1959, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek. Joyce attended Country School in Ruthton, Minnesota and graduated from the Wadena High School with the class of 1962.

Joyce was united in marriage with Joseph Kovar on August 24, 1963, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek. Their marriage was blessed with 6 children: Joseph Jr, Kelly, Kristy, Jeff, Jason, and James.

Joyce's first job was at the A&W Rootbeer Drive In in Wadena. She was also employed as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell. Joyce left the workplace in favor of being a stay-at-home mom but would still cook at the Deer Creek School for 10 years. She was also a part time waitress at the Eagles Café.

Joyce was very active in her community. She was an event coordinator for Seder Meal for 30 years, a vacation Bible School Coordinator for several years. Joyce was also a Sunday School teacher for many years. Joyce enjoyed cooking and baking, hunting, fishing, bird watching, and spending time with her friends and family.

Joyce passed away on November 9, 2021, at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. She will be dearly missed by her friends and family. Preceding Joyce in death are her parents, Richard and Esther Riemer, father and mother in law, Ed and Elsie Kovar and sister-in-law: Cleone Riemer.