

A beautiful Life



A beautiful life came to an end,
She died as she lived, everyone's friend.

In our hearts a memory
will always be kept,
Of one we loved, and will never forget.

 **WEIGEL**
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Funeral and Cremation Service

In Loving Memory



Jo Stork
1943 – 2026

“This Little Light of Mine”



JoAnn Stork, 82, of Mandan, passed away January 22, 2026, in a Bismarck hospital.

Just like pieces of material that are collected for quilts... Jo Stork collected those pieces her whole life to make memories.

JoAnn was the third born to J. Herbert and Eldora (Peterson) Johnson on the farm in Eagle Bend, Minnesota. She grew up with four brothers and one sister--Howard, Reynard, Lindy, Butch, and Beverly. Her family attended a country church where Jo was baptized and confirmed. She attended a small country school with less than 40 students and kept in touch with her classmates throughout her life.

Jo graduated from Eagle Bend Public High School in 1961, and went on to attend Abbott School of Nursing, receiving

her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. During her 50-year nursing career at Mandan Hospital, MedCenter One, and Sanford, Jo made many lifelong friends. She was honored to receive a certificate from the State of North Dakota acknowledging her 50 years of service in nursing.

Jo met the love of life at a barn dance while in college. She married Mervin Stork in 1964, and they had three children. Mervin worked at the Mandan Research Center for 27 years and owned his own business, Stork's Blading, for 15 years. They were married for 61 years.

Throughout her life, Jo was known to be an adventurer--always ready to travel and learn something new. She could sew, quilt, embroider, mend, crochet, garden, can foods & jams, and bake, including her award-winning apple pie. She loved fishing, was a master-level UNO player, loved cards & board games, supported NDSU football, adored dogs, and counted the 4th of July as her favorite holiday.

Jo had a deep passion for volunteering & giving back to her community. She served on the Mandan Eagles Auxiliary and as President of the Sanford on Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shop, where she not only volunteered but also created many of the handmade items sold there. She was a devoted member of First Lutheran Church, where she enjoyed quilting, volunteering with LAF, and helping with baking and kitchen duties for many years.

With all quilts, you have to have a pattern, material, and thread. This makes up her 3 children.

Brian Stork who lived most of his life in CA, worked for the Navy for 35 years, is now retired, and living in Mandan. Brad Stork lives in Bismarck with his wife, Becky. Brad is a Nurse Practitioner and Becky is an RN. They have two daughters who are all grown up. Sydney, an RN & her husband, Cole Schaff, a truck driver, live in Mandan and have 2 children (Beau & Scarlett, the GREAT GRANDKIDS). Lakyn, a radiology technologist, lives and works in Hazen. In the summer, you could find Jo, supporting Lakyn at softball games. Jo loved her granddaughters to the moon & back. Barbara (Stork) Schober is retired and lives with her husband, Ryan, in Maryland.

Jo's sister and best friend, Beverly Teigland, lives in Arkansas and was blessed to spend Jo's final month by her side. The family will always cherish how the two giggled together like little girls whenever they were reunited.

Jo will be fondly remembered for saying: "I got it," "I'm ok," "Wanna see my latest quilt?" and "You wearing that?"—usually right before you headed out the door.

We will miss her as a friend, wife, mom, mother-in-law, sister, grandma, great grandma, aunt, and cousin.

Funeral Service

Friday, January 30, 2026; 11:30 AM

First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Pastors Phil Leer & Adam Barden

Loretta White

Officiants

Organist

Honorary Casketbearers

Brian Stork, Brad Stork, Howard Johnson
Lindy Johnson, Butch Johnson, Ryan Schober
Richard Teigland, & Matthew Johnson

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOANN STORK

Gathering

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Congregational Hymn & Processional

"Amazing Grace"

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Luke 5:1-9

Special Music

"Go Light Your World" (Kathy Troccoli)

Sermon

Prayers of the Church

C: "Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Closing Announcements

Nurse Honor Guard Ceremony

Commendation

Celebration of Life Video

Recessional

"This Little Light of Mine" (BYU Idaho Choir)

*The family invites you for food and fellowship
in the church basement immediately following the funeral service.*

And as with all good quilts, the final step is attaching a label.

Jo Stork's quilt label would read:

Never be afraid to try anything.

Hand pieced always.

Made with love.

