



I'm proud of them - these hands of mine;
So **MANY** things they've done.
They've planted flowers, and pulled the weeds,
and worked out in the sun.
They've kneaded bread and cooked the meals
More times than I can say.
They've washed a ton of clothes,
I guess, and put them all away.
They've *soothed*
a small child's fevered brow & rubbed an aching head.
And when the evening shadows fell,
They put the brood to bed.
They've borne the bite of winter's cold
And felt the warmth of spring.
And on the finger long ago was put a wedding ring.
And when **MY JOURNEY** here is over,
I still shall *be thankful*
That these old work - worn hands of mine
Have done so much for me.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Joanne M. Staples

MAY 15, 1933 – OCTOBER 25, 2025

Services At:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Chokio, Minnesota
Thursday, October 30, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Pastorial Minister Abby Weick

Musician:

Kristie Olson

Soloist:

Abby Weick

Reader:

Anna Dorweiler

Pallbearers:

Austin Van Zomeren, Brooke Van Zomeren, Brandon Staples
Brad Staples, Scott Staples, Kelly Zimmerman

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Joanne's Grandchildren, Great- Grandchildren
Nieces and Nephews

Interment:

Summit Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

Joanne Mae Christensen was born on May 15, 1933, at home north of Chokio, the youngest child of Chris and Hanna (Wilson) Christensen.

Joanne grew up on the farm north of Chokio and attended District 43 country school until attending 9th - 12th grade at West Central School Agricultural in Morris.

Joanne married Howard Staples on February 17, 1952 in Chokio and made their home on a farm south of Alberta, Minnesota. They had three children, Marie, Leslie and Harlan.

Joanne enjoyed baking, sewing, gardening and most of all her family. She was always willing to help on the farm and was often seen hitting fly balls to her children.

Joanne died on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at West Wind Village in Morris. She was 92 years old.

She is survived by her children, Marie (Mark) Bonebrake of Minot, ND and Harlan (Darla) Staples of Herman, MN; grandchildren, Austin (Roxanne) Van Zomeren of Bismark, ND, Brooke Van Zomeren of Minot, ND, David (Kayla) Staples of Harwood, ND, Mark (Natasha) Staples of Baxter, MN, Sophie Staples of Fargo, ND, Brandon (Jill Winther) Staples of Herman, MN, and Brad (Alecia) Staples of Kensington, MN; great-grandchildren, Skylar, Anika, and Hadley Van Zomeren, Evalynn and Dax Staples, Ace and Ava Staples and Leah and Alex Winther; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Stanley Staples and MaryJean Krei.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; son, Leslie; parents, Chris and Hanna Christensen; Howard's parents, Leon and Mary Staples; siblings and their spouses, Lucille (Earl) Melberg, Frances (Earl) Wernsing, Doris (Vic) Zimmerman and Glenn (Vonnie) Christensen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Irene (Warren) Riley, Robert (Jeri) Staples, Janet Staples and Kathleen (Jim) Kelling and five nephews.



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Joanne's online guestbook and tribute video.

Pedersen
Funeral & Cremation Service

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Memory



Joanne M. Staples

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