



### **You Never Said**

*You never said "I'm leaving",  
You never said goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knew why.*

*A million times we needed you,  
A million times we cried,  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.*

*In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still,  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
That no one could ever fill.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For a part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

*Joyce Koefne*

*August 20, 1935*

*January 3, 2025*





Joyce Ann Rochel was born August 20, 1935, in Verdi, MN, to Roy and Anna (Aasen) Rochel. She grew up and attended school in Verdi, graduating in 1954 from Verdi High School. On May 27, 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, Marlyn Koehne, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Verdi. This was while St. John's Lutheran Church was being built, where they were members until 1986. While members, Joyce was active in the Dorcas Society and as a Sunday School teacher.

Joyce and Marlyn farmed in the Lake Benton area, and Joyce worked for two grocery stores in Lake Benton. In 1972, they moved into Lake Benton when Marlyn took a job with Ecusta Corporation buying flax straw. This occupation took them to Watertown, SD, from 1984 to 1986 then brought them to Langdon, ND in 1986. While in Langdon, Joyce worked at the Haberdashery. They were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, where Joyce was active in the LWML.

Joyce's hobbies were collecting dishes, sewing, gardening, baking, and entertaining. She enjoyed sharing many of her recipes.

Surviving Joyce are her husband of 68 years, Marlyn, of Langdon; children: Steven Koehne and DeAnn (Roger) Kram; grandchildren: Christopher (Rachel Krosch) Koehne, Matthew (Natalie) Koehne, Sarah (Aaron) Breen, Rachel (Brent) Templin, and Jacob Kram; and great-grandchildren: Nicolas Koehne, Cameron Koehne, Sawyer Koehne, Violet Koehne, Matthew Breen, Luciana Breen, Carter Templin, and Landon Templin. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother LeRoy, sister Dorothy (Eldon) Johnson, and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Koehne.

Joyce passed away January 3, 2025, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks at the age of 89.

*Brooks Funeral Home ~ Langdon, ND*

# CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Friday, January 10, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Langdon, ND

Saturday, January 11, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Lake Benton, MN

## CLERGY

Pastor Mark Chepulis / Pastor Erik Lund

## MUSIC

Organist ~ Amy Chepulis  
"How Great Thou Art" 801  
"Beautiful Savior" 537  
"Jesus Loves Me" 588

## CASKET BEARERS

Christopher Koehne Matthew Koehne Jacob Kram  
Aaron Breen Brent Templin Butch Rochel

## HONORARY BEARERS

Tuesday Night Ladies

## INTERMENT

Memorial Hill Cemetery  
Lake Benton, MN