

JoAnn Wright was born on February 18, 1935, in Appleton, Wisconsin, the daughter of Harry and True (Schoenig) Petersen. She grew up in Clinton, IA, graduating as valedictorian of her high school class. She attended Iowa State, graduating with a degree in journalism.

On October 4, 1959, JoAnn was united in marriage to Dale Wright at the Clinton United Methodist Church. The couple moved to Knoxville, IL, where Dale taught in the public schools and their daughter, Debra, was born. The couple moved to Hallock, Minnesota in 1963, where their son, Russell, was born.

In 1964, the family moved to Willmar, MN. Dale accepted a counseling position at Willmar State Junior College and JoAnn worked for several years for the Willmar Public Schools. She was then employed as an editor for the West Central Tribune, covering the family and community sections of the paper until retiring in 1990. JoAnn was an active member of Business Professional Women (BPW) and League of Women Voters. The couple attended the Willmar United Methodist Church.

After retirement, they built a home north of New London. They were active members of Cross Roads Community United Methodist Church in Spicer. They enjoyed traveling, spending time at their Lake of the Woods cabin and timeshare in New Orleans. JoAnn's favorite hobbies included reading, gardening, picking wild blueberries, boating on the lake and caring for her pet cats.

JoAnn passed away Monday afternoon, February 17, at Compassionate Cottage at the age of 89 (just one day shy of 90).

She is survived by her daughter, Deb Bronner of Willmar, and son, Russ Wright (Patty Klabo) of New London, grandchildren Janessa and Alex Wright. As well as Wright and Schoenig extended family members.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Dale, in 2017.

Celebrating the Life of



JoAnn Wright

1935 - 2025

In Loving Memory Of

JoAnn Wright

February 18, 1935
Appleton, Wisconsin

February 17, 2025
Willmar, Minnesota

Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Celebrating A Life Remembered*

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Crossroads Community United Methodist Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Order of Worship

Prelude		Deb Bremseth
Processional Hymn	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	
Gathering/Greeting		Rev. Leslie Zeek
Opening Prayer		
Congregational Hymn	<i>In the Garden</i>	
Old Testament Reading		Isaiah 40:28-31
Psalm		Psalm 23 (<i>read in unison</i>)
New Testament Reading		Romans 14:7-9
Special Music	<i>I Believe</i>	Kris Nelson-Jenson & Steve Mahlum
Gospel Scripture		John 14 (select verses)
Witness		Rev. Leslie Zeek
Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Commendation		
Congregational Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i> v. 1,3,5	
Dismissal with Blessing		
Recessional	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	Kris Nelson-Jenson & Steve Mahlum
Postlude		

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Willmar, Minnesota