

Anita "Joy" Woodbury

Anita "Joy" Wessels was born October 25, 1942, to George and Wilma (Flikke) Wessels in Fargo, ND. Joy graduated from high school in Bowdon, ND. Following graduation, she attended Valley City State University where she obtained her teaching certificate. She then taught elementary students for three years in Hunter, ND. In the fall of 1966 Joy went back to get her Bachelors Degree from Moorhead State University. On April 15, 1967, she married Howard Woodbury, and they made their home in rural McLeod, ND. From 1967 – 1970 she taught in Amenia, ND at the elementary school before taking time off to raise three children of her own. Joy was very active within her community, where she served on different committees for the Wyndmere Crop Show and was the advisor for the Wyndmere Dance Line. She acted as the Sheyenne township clerk for many years, and was a member of the Sundown Homemakers Club and the United Free Lutheran Ladies Aid. In the mid 90's, she went back to school at the University of North Dakota, and received her Master's Degree in Special Education specializing in learning disabilities, and then was the resource room teacher in Colfax, ND, until her retirement in 2016. When Joy wasn't busy in her community, she loved to cook. She would serve more than just the average three-course meal. She was also a perfectionist who took great pride in her home, and was always there for someone in need, or just to have coffee.

Joy was very proud of all her children and grandchildren. She and Howard enjoyed traveling and would take yearly trips with their children. In 2011, they took the entire family on an Alaskan cruise. She also enjoyed traveling to other places such as Norway, and the Panama Canal. Joy was a big reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Joy is survived by her husband of 55 years, Howard; children, Jill (Rodney) Breuer, Jordan (Erica) Woodbury, and Jaimee Woodbury; grandchildren, Laken, Riley, McKenna, Gracelyn, Ledson, and Anna; siblings, Judy (Paul) Anderson, Jane Syverson, Greg (Diana) Wessels, Bonnie Miller, Georgia Chambers; in-laws, Ramona Wessels, Linda Haberman, Paula Woodbury, Larry (Judy) Woodbury; and many nieces and nephews.

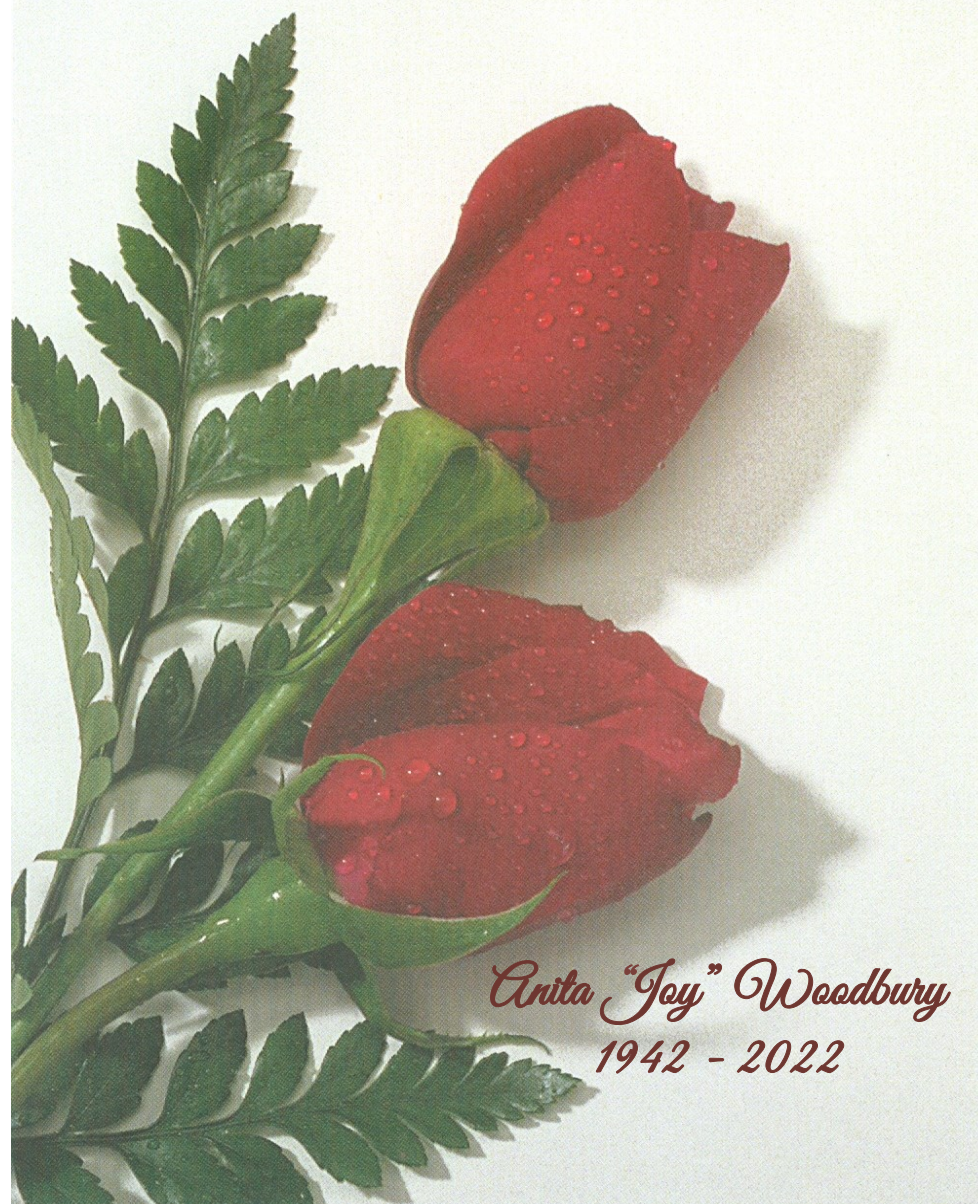
She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Butch Wessels; in-laws, Herbert and Ragna Woodbury, Arnold and Lynn Woodbury, Richard Haberman, David Woodbury, and Sherm Syverson.



And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Luke 7:50

In Memory



Anita "Joy" Woodbury
1942 - 2022



I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm
following the path God laid for me. I took his
hand when I heard him call I turned my
back and left it all. I could not stay
another day to laugh, to love, to
work or play. Tasks undone
must stay that way. I found
that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered
joy. A friendship shared, a
laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these
things I too will miss. Be
not burdened with times of
sorrow I wish you the
sunshine of tomorrow. My
life's been full, I've savored
much, good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch. Perhaps my
time seemed all too brief, don't
lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now: He set me free.



In Loving Memory of *Anita "Joy" Woodbury*



Born

October 25, 1942 - Fargo, North Dakota

Passed Away

July 12, 2022 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

79 Years 8 Months 18 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM - Monday, July 18, 2022
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant - Pastor Matthew Tooman

Music

Organist: Liz Mumm
Soloist: Jeff Olson - "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Congregational Hymns

LSB #770 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
LSB #744 - "Amazing Grace"
SB #763 - "When Peace, Like A River"

Pallbearers

Greg Holubok, Carl Woodbury, Wade Woodbury, Todd Woodbury
Stephen Syverson, Kyle Gebhardt, Sam Pitman, Jason Anderson

Interment

Nordmanna Cemetery - McLeod, North Dakota