

Beverly JoAnn Worcester, age 91, of Perham, passed away on February 4, 2026.

She was born September 28, 1934 in Hillsboro, ND, the daughter of Raymond F. and Clara (Skyberg) Johnson. She was known to her family and friends as Mom, Jo, JoAnn and Tootsie.

She is survived by daughters Jeniffer Baker (Tom), Sheila Bourdeau (Peter), and son Donald (Cathy Kava) as well as five grandchildren, Chloe, Addison, Willow, Sage, and Lilly. JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband Jerald "Jerry"; siblings, Delores Nelson and Raymond "Bud" Johnson.

She graduated from Hillsboro HS ('52) and St Joseph's School of Nursing ('55). In her 53- year career as a nurse, she practiced in several states including Alaska, New Mexico, Maine, and Maryland. Her specialties included orthopedics, emergency department, pediatrics, and hospice. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed gardening, bowling, dancing, and singing in the church choir. She loved flowers and could sometimes be found at the side of the road picking cattails to add to her bouquets. She will always be remembered for her stories, creativity, sense of humor, Norwegian Christmas cookies and of course...her brownies.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



Beverly "JoAnn" Worcester

September 28, 1934 - February 4, 2026



Nightingale Tribute

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, *she was there.*

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, *she was there.*

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend, *she was there.*

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained, she was there.

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind, *she was there.*

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed, *she was there.*

In choosing the best one from a family's "Thank You" box of chocolates, *she was there.*

To witness humanity—its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment, *she was there.*

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope, *she was there.*

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One's side, *she is there.*

Celebrating the Life of **Beverly "JoAnn" Worcester**

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service - Perham, Minnesota

Officiated By: Pastor Valerie Shaw

Accompanist: Bre Stillman

Vocalists: Bruce Schroer, Terri Schroer, Julie Schroer

Welcome Pastor Valerie Shaw

The Nightingale Tribute Nurse Honor Guard
of The Red River Valley

Special Music "On Eagle's Wings"
Bruce Schroer,
Terri Schroer, Julie Schroer

Reading of Scripture Matthew 5: 3-12
Rick Nelson

Sermon Pastor Valerie Shaw

Hymn "In The Garden"

Reading of Scripture Psalm 23
Matt Nelson

Benediction

Commendation

Casket Bearers

Eric Gerken - Matt Nelson - Rick Nelson
Judd Soule - Mike Soule

Interment (at a later date)

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
Little Falls, Minnesota

*Please join the family following the service
for a time of food and fellowship.*