



Joan Hutson

May 22, 2014

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Joan Hutson at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. All are invited and most welcome.

Joan Hutson, born in 1929 in Wadena, Minnesota, and passed away on May 22, 2014. Her parents were Anthony and Kathryn Ehlen. She was married in 1953 to Gerald Hutson, a career military man, the family lived in Montana, Iowa, Michigan, and Spain.

Joan was a mother of seven children and an author, illustrator, musician, and educator. In her later years she returned to Wadena where she taught for seventeen years at St. Ann's School where four generations of her family had attended. She was deeply involved in the music ministry of St. Ann's Church for many years. With over twenty published books, she continued to write and illustrate books that deepened spiritual life for the rest of her life.

Joan is survived by her seven children, Mark, Mike (Annalee), Mary, Vicki, Greg (Romi), Jill and Jay (Deb); eleven grandchildren, Matthew Hutson, Ryan Hutson, Isaiah Salinas, Jason McDonnell, Monique Ware, Danielle Jackson, Shelley Hutson, Andrew Hutson, Amanda Frederick, Mikaela Hutson, and Neil Hutson; ten great-grandchildren, Michael Hutson, Benjamin Hutson, Wyatt Hutson, Clayton Hutson, Sienna Hutson, Zabdiel Ware, AdaLia Spear ,

Adriana Spear, Everlyn Frederick, and Luke Hutson; and one sister, Kathleen Sauls, living in Lake City, Florida. Her brother, Jim, preceded her in death in 1993.

Joan will be missed by family, friends, and former students. She had a way of making everyone feel special as she shared her creative talents and nurturing spirit.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Service

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I'm 6 years late in responding, what a BEAUTIFUL, LOVING, CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT WHO TOUCHED SO MANY. Her loving words touched the hearts of so many needing to hear and feel the "love of God" She was truly "A GIFT TO ALL OF US WHOSE LIVES SHE TOUCHED" . THANK you God , know she is forever dancing with the angels, and in the arms of the angels.



Marilou Housmsn - April 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM



Love you grandma

Jason McDonnell - February 16, 2025 at 05:51 PM

Jl

“ And I lit my candle on the nightstand. Rev. 21, 4.



Jill - July 15, 2016 at 10:53 PM

NR

“ Norman Radermacher lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Norman Radermacher - November 06, 2015 at 10:52 PM

TI

“ *Taz & I lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Taz & I - May 10, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ *Ralph Simon lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Ralph Simon - May 08, 2015 at 01:05 PM



From "The Ralph Simon Family": She was a Blessing to all who knew her, a Great and Helping Women of God, sharing her life and her Love to those that needed it the most,.... Thank You Joan-You will be missed very, very, much.

Ralph Simon - May 08, 2015 at 01:20 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



jill - February 12, 2015 at 07:37 PM

Jl

“ Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson



jill - December 04, 2014 at 07:20 PM

Jl

“ Jill lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



jill - October 23, 2014 at 05:52 PM

Jl

“ Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson



jill - October 20, 2014 at 06:53 PM

Jl

“ Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson



jill - August 23, 2014 at 05:45 PM

Jl

“ Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson



jill - June 28, 2014 at 03:57 PM

VI

“ Victoria lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Victoria - June 13, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TA

“ T. A.Z. sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson



T. A.Z. - June 01, 2014 at 12:54 PM

GC

“ Gabriela "Hairy" Cyann lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Gabriela "Hairy" Cyann - May 31, 2014 at 09:25 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Jill - May 31, 2014 at 09:24 PM

VH

“ *Victoria Hutson sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson*



Victoria Hutson - May 31, 2014 at 09:24 PM

SH

So sorry for you loss Vicki.

Steve Hepokoski - August 11, 2015 at 09:08 PM

Jl

“ *Jill sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Hutson*



Jill - May 31, 2014 at 09:11 PM

RO

“ *Rozena lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Rozena - May 31, 2014 at 12:13 AM

VH

“ *Victoria Hutson lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Victoria Hutson - May 30, 2014 at 09:48 PM

JH

“ *Thank you all for the kindness shown to all of us. For most of us children she was our mother and father. For me personally, she was a wonderful mother who always was calming in life's most trying times. She helped sort through the clutter and help keep our eyes on the big picture. As mentioned at the gravesite by my sister, she often took time to be there for students and others who the world would have walked past. Her big mark is left on peoples' souls, yet many have shown me the physical items she gave to them often giving them inspiration. She kept going right up to the end, working late into the evenings, still driving and still the same solid voice I heard as a child. I am so proud of her and thank you all from the deepest part of my heart.*



Jay

Jay Hutson - May 30, 2014 at 07:53 AM

VI

“ Victoria lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Victoria - May 29, 2014 at 10:49 PM

SR

“ I always wanted to be like Mrs. Hutson. She was such a faith-filled woman, gentle spirit, good teacher, and a talented musician, artist and author. She taught me much and I am thankful that I was blessed to be one of her students at St. Ann's. My sympathy to her family and friends. I am sad for your loss but glad for her gain. May she rest in peace.

Susan (Wegscheid) Rumpca

Susan (Wegscheid) Rumpca - May 29, 2014 at 10:37 PM

JJ

Thank you for your thoughts & insight,. I hope her gain in the after-life is exceptional. Sad for us, butshe was ready to rest in peace.

Jill - May 31, 2014 at 12:41 AM

SK

“ I FEEL SO BAD FOR YOU ALL TO LOOSE SUCH A GREAT WOMAN...I HAVE KNOWN HER FOR YEARS....SHE WAS MY NEIGHBOR AS I WAS GROWING UP AND ALSO ONE OF MY TEACHERS AT ST. ANNS....5th & 6th GRADES. WHEN I WAS LITTLE SHE GAVE US TWO BIRDS NAMED "DUSK & DAWN" PARAKETS. GOD BLESS HER...WE ALL KNOW WHERE SHE'S GOING. AMEN!



SCOTT KERN - May 28, 2014 at 10:01 PM

VI

Scott, my mother spoke about you often. She recently asked me to create another pottery bowl for you to replace the one you bought from me many, many years ago. I made several bowls and she was going to have you select the one you wanted.

Victoria - May 29, 2014 at 10:46 PM

KP

“*Your Mother was a truly special woman. She had such an impact on me as I child. I was never musical or artistic, but she made me believe I could be. I loved to play guitar during mass (even though I could only get a few of the chords, I kind of faked the others). I actually chose to go to summer school one year, just so I could take an art class from her. My parents are no longer required to display my painting on the wall as it now resides in a dusty corner of my basement, but she still made me proud of that painting. She always had a smile and a kind word. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time....Krista "Lien" Potter*

Krista "Lien" Potter - May 28, 2014 at 03:44 PM

JH

Thank you, Krista. I believe your message really expresses the kind of love and caring that she tried to give to all that she met. I really appreciate you taking the time to post such a thoughtful message.

Jill Hutson - May 28, 2014 at 10:34 PM

VI

Thank you, Krista.

Victoria - May 29, 2014 at 10:46 PM

CD

“ Carol Derby lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Carol Derby - May 28, 2014 at 09:17 AM

VI

“ Victoria lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Victoria - May 28, 2014 at 08:24 AM

NJ

“ Nancy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Nancy Johnson - May 28, 2014 at 08:20 AM

NJ

Thanks for being such a great mentor Mrs. Hutson! You showed me that musical ability did not always mean to play the notes-but to play by ear! Something both you and I shared. What I thought was a curse-you taught me was a wonderful gift! You will always be in my heart!

Nancy Johnson - May 28, 2014 at 08:26 AM

JH

Thank you Nancy for your kind words, is this the Nancy of brother Bruce, who 'hang out' with my brother!! Ya know.

Jill Hutson - May 28, 2014 at 11:38 PM

RJ

Yes, Jill, Bruce "hung out" with Greg and Nancy graduated with Jay.

Rose Johnson - May 29, 2014 at 01:57 PM

JJ

Thank you Rose, for the thoughts and delicious casserole. Until people go through it, many don't realize how much these things mean.

Jill - May 31, 2014 at 09:17 PM

RM

My name is Reina McCarthy, I have a great memory of my sweet Friend Joan Hutson! She will always be in my heart!

Reina McCarthy - June 06, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JL

“*Jackie Lehmkuhl lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Jackie Lehmkuhl - May 28, 2014 at 07:39 AM

NW

“ Dear family of Joan,
My sincere sympathy to you. Joan and I had a unique relationship in that she taught my children, Tim, Vicki and Sally Wegscheid, and I taught Jill and Jay. We were such opposites in teaching, me the die-hard get the textbook completed' and Joan with let's be creative in music, writing and art. We thought that the students had the best of both worlds.
Oh and how generous she was! I would give her some small gesture and I would receive something of great value and remembrance. One time I asked her to paint some birch trees for me. Now there's a very large painting in my living room just given generously to me. I have a collection of complimentary notes written personally to me, drawings and books that my family treasures together.
Her inspirational works were so deep that many times I would have to read those about 3 times to get it.
The big words she used--"-the vicissitudes of life" .
Such a positive effect on all. As your mother, did she ever scold you?
May you join the angels in Heavenly song.

Nellie Wegscheid - May 28, 2014 at 07:11 AM

JH

Mrs. Wegscheid, my teacher. It was so nice to see you today and thank you for your words of comfort. It takes all different types to make up this world, and to teach us, and like you said, you two gave us the best of both worlds. And yes, mother scolded us many times, me not so many cause I was a good girl, but Greg was another story. And now, 40 years later, the roles have really changed. Thank you for your words.

Jill Hutson - May 28, 2014 at 11:33 PM

VI

Nellie, thank you for your kind words. I really enjoyed talking with you at my mother's funeral. I wish there would have been more time.

Victoria - May 29, 2014 at 10:49 PM

VI

“ *Victoria lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Victoria - May 27, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Hutson.*



May 27, 2014 at 01:27 PM

GR

“ *Greg lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Greg - May 27, 2014 at 01:20 PM

PE

“ *Such a beautiful lady, Joan, our cousin. You always welcomed me into your home to visit. We shared many good stories. Your incredibly gorgeous Christmas cards and greeting cards are still a part of my treasures. Your books and your life inspired us all and will live on with us. Go ahead of us to play glorious music with the angels and all our friends. Peg Ehlen-Miller*

Peg Ehlen-Miller - May 27, 2014 at 12:39 PM

JH

“ My mother was diagnosed with Essential thrombocythemia in February of 2013. This is when the bone marrow is making too many platelets without a known cause. Platelets are needed for blood clotting, but too many platelets squeeze out other blood cells that provide oxygen. There is no cure for this.

During the recent months she used a wheel chair for any long outings. She spent the day before her death in Ely, having a good time with my sister Victoria.

She then developed pain and was taken to the emergency center at St, Mary's in Duluth. A cat scan revealed that she had many blood clots in many parts of her body. She was taken to hospice, she postponed pain medication until she was able to speak to each of her 7 children. She died around midnight peacefully in her sleep.

Jill Hutson - May 26, 2014 at 10:32 PM

MF

Thank you Jill. Your Mom was one special lady. ~~~Marie

Marie Fraune - May 27, 2014 at 09:00 AM

RJ

Thanks for this information, Jill. I was not aware how sick she was. I received many notes of encouragement from your mom through the years. A grand lady!!

Rose Johnson - May 27, 2014 at 04:43 PM

VH

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Victoria Hutson - May 26, 2014 at 08:48 PM

ML

“ MaryJo Lepisto lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



MaryJo Lepisto - May 26, 2014 at 08:30 PM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Jack & Judy Richter - May 26, 2014 at 07:28 PM

MD

“ I remember our sixth grade art class was taught by Mrs. Hutson and we did a lot of dot art. We had to draw pictures with just dots. :)

Margaret cooney dukowitz - May 26, 2014 at 06:47 PM

CT

I remember that dot art too, now that you mention it, Margaret.

Candice Tellers - May 28, 2014 at 02:00 AM

MB

“ *Monica Bosman lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



monica bosman - May 26, 2014 at 06:29 PM

CT

“ *There are just too many memories to mention. Joan was not only a great teacher, but also a friend in years past.*



Candice Tellers - May 26, 2014 at 06:15 PM

DA

“ *I remember how she taught us to play guitar. First she went down the line trying to tune 20 guitars of every vintage. Then showing us where to put our fingers, and how to strum our strings. And after 2 or 3 strums, you realized that you were part of this amazing thing... a band. Never had I thought I could do something like this. Sooooo many years ago, but still i remember. Dear God, don't let it be too late t0 say "Thank you Mrs. Hutson,"*

Darrel - May 26, 2014 at 07:51 AM

VI

“ *Victoria lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Victoria - May 26, 2014 at 12:12 AM

GH

“ *Mel Sauls was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 06:09 PM

GH

“ *Richard Sauls was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 06:05 PM

GH

“ *Steven Sauls was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 06:05 PM

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“ *John Sauls was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 06:04 PM

GH

“ *Mary Sauls was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 06:04 PM

GH

“ *Beau Jackson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ *Mom, I am so anguished; but so thankful that you are no longer in pain.*

Jill Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 04:34 PM

DI

“ Mrs. Hutson and I would sing at every Saturday Mass years ago. I would sing the melody and she would sing the harmony while she played guitar or the autoharp. Our favorite tunes were "Peace is Flowing" or "Battle Hymn of the Republic" because we could really sing out and have fun with it. Joan was looking forward to attending my wedding in August. I know she will be with us on that day and always. I will miss her greatly but I know that she is in the arms of the Blessed Mother and I will see her again someday.



Diane Ploehn Engel

Diane - May 25, 2014 at 01:52 PM



“ Mark Hutson lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Mark Hutson - May 25, 2014 at 01:17 PM

JU

“ JOHN USELMAN lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



JOHN USELMAN - May 25, 2014 at 12:15 PM

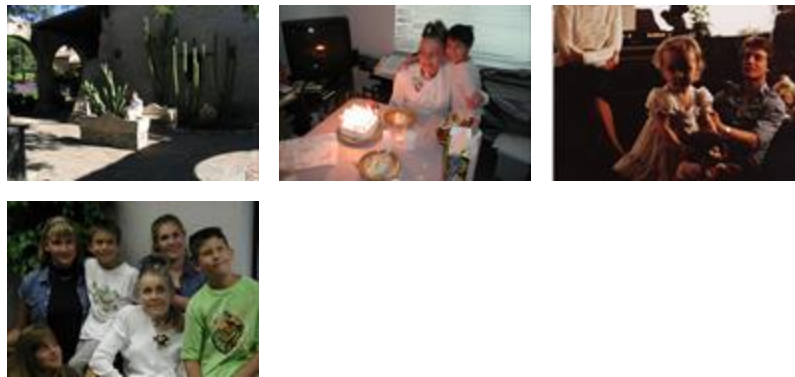
MA

“ *Mrs. Hutson was my favorite teacher. She always let me stay after school and gave me all the attention I sought. I learned how to play guitar, good enough to even play at mass, with 10 of my other classmates! But, I am so, so sad today after hearing this. Please, into your hands Lord....*

Marie - May 25, 2014 at 11:42 AM

VH

“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name*



Victoria Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 11:42 PM

TH

“ *Theresa lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Theresa - May 24, 2014 at 11:24 PM

JU

“ Oh Joan, may you be able to rest, peacefully, comfortably, and with rejuvenating and refreshing air of heaven. Can't wait to see you again!

Judy - May 24, 2014 at 09:53 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Pat Lorentz - May 24, 2014 at 06:36 PM

VT

“ So sorry to the family to her of your moms passing

Vickie Thompson - May 24, 2014 at 04:43 PM

VT

“ Vickie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson



Vickie Thompson - May 24, 2014 at 04:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Hutson.*



May 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM



“ *Sienna Hutson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:11 PM



“ *Zabdiel Ware was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:11 PM



“ *Thomas Ware was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:10 PM



“ *Jason Mcdonnel was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:10 PM



“ *Andrew Hutson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:10 PM

GH

“ *Shelley Hutson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:09 PM

GH

“ *Danielle Jackson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:09 PM

GH

“ *Monique Hutson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:09 PM

GH

“ *Romi Hutson was added to the Family Tree.*

Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 12:08 PM

MF

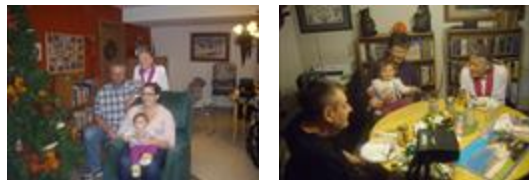
“ *Joan was an inspiration to many. Our sympathy to the family.~~~Mike & Marie Fraune*



Mike and Marie Fraune - May 24, 2014 at 08:10 AM

GH

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Greg Hutson - May 24, 2014 at 05:30 AM

RC

“ *Thank you for your love, friendship, musical times & wonderful meals when we visited.*

Rozena & Taz C - May 24, 2014 at 12:12 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Joan Hutson*



Jim and Lorie Baron - May 23, 2014 at 10:53 PM

GH

“ 3 files added to the album *At Mary's Fall 2012*



Greg Hutson - May 23, 2014 at 09:48 PM

NR

“ *What a wonderful lady and inspiration she was to me so many years ago:-) She was my sixth grade teacher and mentor the best teacher I ever had. Spent many days after school helping her she was so awesome! Nancy Stevens Reed*

Nancy Reed - May 23, 2014 at 09:20 PM

GR

“ *3 files added to the album Fall 2012*



greg - May 23, 2014 at 09:07 PM

VH

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Victoria Hutson - May 23, 2014 at 05:19 PM

VH

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Victoria Hutson - May 23, 2014 at 05:06 PM

DM

“ *What a wonderful lady! She was our son's 6th grade teacher and she taught our daughter how to play guitar. Thank you for sharing all her talents with all of us. Now she can share them with God.*



Dixie Murray - May 23, 2014 at 05:04 PM