



Josephine Weiher

April 13, 1932 - March 17, 2025

The memorial service celebrating the life of Josephine Weiher will be held at 11:00a.m. on Friday, March 21, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Friday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN .

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To view the service go to the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services Facebook or YouTube page.

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Josephine “Jo” Ann Lehmkuhl Weiher packed a lot of life and love into her nearly 93 years. Born in Deer Creek, MN to Harold and Frieda (Oldenburg) Lehmkuhl, she lived almost the entirety of her life in this area.

The name Josephine means “God will increase.” After graduating Wadena High School in 1950, she married Darrel Weiher. Together they raised 8 children, and were married for 62 years. Their extended family now numbers 102, with more on the way.

We wonder how many loaves of bread or cakes Jo made over the years, or how many meals of her famous BBQ ribs or unique brand of meatballs, but the number is less important than what that food represents—caring for people. She always cared for people. She cared for her parents, her husband

and kids, grandkids, great grands, and even great-great grandchildren! She cared for kids at school as a lunch lady, and later as a volunteer classroom Grandma. She was always feeding people. Neighbors, friends, and family knew they'd get a delicious meal or treat at her home. She had a skill for cooking comfort food.

Always busy, Jo had boundless energy throughout her life. Surely you must if you have 8 children. If that wasn't enough work, she also held multiple jobs at the same time for most of her life. When her children were young, she made extra money by making and selling baked goods every Saturday. When her kids were older, she worked at the school in the morning, the church in the afternoon, and did the bookkeeping and payroll for Darrel's business. She owned DJ Church Supply store and gardened, growing everything you could imagine in a giant garden. In Jo's "free" time, she sewed, crocheted and embroidered. She simply was not someone who just sat around...she was always doing something.

Darrel used to joke that she'd talk to anyone, anywhere, all day long. It's true. She never met a stranger. If you ever travelled with her, you know that she would strike up a conversation with anyone by saying "I travelled a long way to be here today." They would ask where she was from, and a whole conversation would begin. She was quick witted and funny, and if she didn't know your name, you were probably called "hon". She really had a great gift for communication.

Her faith was a force in her life like none other. Life provided challenges over the years that could have tested her faith, but she never wavered. Her church family was so important to her, and she dutifully and willingly gave her money, time and talents to St. John Lutheran Church as Secretary for 24 years, participating in service groups, LWML, Ladies Guild and more. Whenever she was asked to help, she always helped.

This busy, beautiful, funny lady was a force in all of our lives. She taught us directly and indirectly for all of her 92 years, and we are all better people because of it. For the last several years she often used the phrase “time goes by too fast.” Maybe this was her final lesson to us. Reflecting on how she lived her life, you easily saw that experiences and time spent with loved ones was more important than things ever could be. So as her family, we will take her special recipes, her tradition of hand-made gifts, her love of caring for others, the gift of gab, the sense of humor and her strong faith and everything else she gave us...and we will pass it on. Because time does indeed go by too fast, so enjoy the time you have.

Josephine passed away surrounded by her family at Astera Health in Wadena, MN, on March 17, 2025. Preceding Jo in death were her husband Darrel; parents Harold and Frieda; son Kevin; sister Alice Ross; brothers-in-law Norman Sampson and Lyle Ross, son-in-law Jerry Hannah, and parents-in-law, Henry and Grace Weiher.

Surviving Josephine are her children, Dwayne (Joyce) of Bemidji, Mary (Jerry) Hannah of Bemidji, Michael (Lela) of Chapel Hill, NC, Deb (Terry) Denny of Sebeka, Randy (Berni) of Sauk Rapids, Jeff (Tammy) of Farmington, and Karen (Dirk) Thompson of Lee’s Summit, MO; 19 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, & 7 great-great-grandchildren; sister Adeline Sampson; along with many extended family and friends.

Honorary urn bearers are all her grandchildren: Jeanie (Weiher) Hall, Jodi (Weiher) Maxwell, Amy (Weiher) Erickson, Michael Weiher, Miranda (Weiher) Buchan, Eric Peterson, Junell (Weiher) Koberlien, Brandon Denny, Matthew Denny, Kelly (Weiher) Estrada, Keith Weiher, Danielle Clauer, Mychaela Burggraff, Kimberly (Weiher) Knight, Bethany (Weiher) Winslow, Piper

Thompson, Pacey Thompson, Peri Thompson, and Gabby Weiher.

Memorials received in Josephine's name will be donated to the Foster Grandparents Program in Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JA

I worked with Jo way back in about 1968-69 or so. What a fun lady ..

Jeanne Arvidson - May 21, 2025 at 12:32 AM

MP

“ *Living across the road, I always remember her baking and cooking. She was always in the kitchen. I am so sorry for your loss!*

Margaret Prokop - April 20, 2025 at 03:43 PM

HH

“ *I recall Josie at various Family gatherings near Parkers Prairie, Wrightstown, and Wadena. Always the consummate host and lively conversationist. Your Mother was a strong and determine woman. May the Memories of her life sustain you in your days ahead. Hank and Sheri Hemquist Baxter, Minnesota.*

hank hemquist - March 26, 2025 at 03:05 PM

AP

“ Will miss the visits we used to have until Covid....wonderful lady



Arleen Paulson - March 23, 2025 at 05:04 PM

SH

“ I first met Josephine when I was working as a medic and transferred Darrell to St. Cloud, wow what a wonderful couple of people. I didn't know Josephine well but she always acknowledged me when we ran into each other. To her family and friends ... know of my condolences, such wonderful people.



Sharon Heinen - March 21, 2025 at 04:13 PM

SH

“ Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher



Sharon Heinen - March 21, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DV

“ Dorothy Voge (Bernard Voge)



Dorothy Voge - March 20, 2025 at 07:23 PM

RT

“ Rob Tretter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Josephine Weiher.



Rob Tretter - March 20, 2025 at 02:18 PM

RT

“ Rob Tretter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Weiher.

Rob Tretter - March 20, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MW

“ I have the best memories of Josephine, when she came to visit my grandma Mabel Moske and my mom, Arlene Moske Hemquist. She always had a big smile and hug for me. And call me "hon". She was the kindest lady, blessed be her memory. Mary Hemquist Wendt



Mary Hemquist Wendt - March 20, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine Weiher.

March 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher



Gene & Mary Denny - March 19, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 19, 2025 at 10:02 PM

BB

“ Sending prayers to all of the families!!



Barbara J Brown - March 19, 2025 at 09:07 PM

DF

“ Don and Carrie Burggraff and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Josephine Weiher.



Don and Carrie Burggraff and family - March 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM

MK

“ Auntie Jo was the most amazing woman and I loved her dearly. I admired her and hope I can live up to at least half of her example. My heart breaks for all of her family and all who feel the loss. We know she is celebrating in heaven now. Love and prayers to all.

Mary Ann Kern - March 19, 2025 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ John, Cheryl, Joyce and Steve. purchased the Ar rive in Style for the family of Josephine Weiher.



John, Cheryl, Joyce and Steve. - March 19, 2025 at 07:36 PM

ST

“ Scott and Tammy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Josephine Weiher.



Scott and Tammy - March 19, 2025 at 04:58 PM

BT

“ Jo's positive blessed light shined upon everyone she met. She was a very comforting, Christian woman with a genuine smile that lit up the world. You are home now, Jo, I will miss you here...until I see you again.

Beth Topp - March 19, 2025 at 04:48 PM

AN

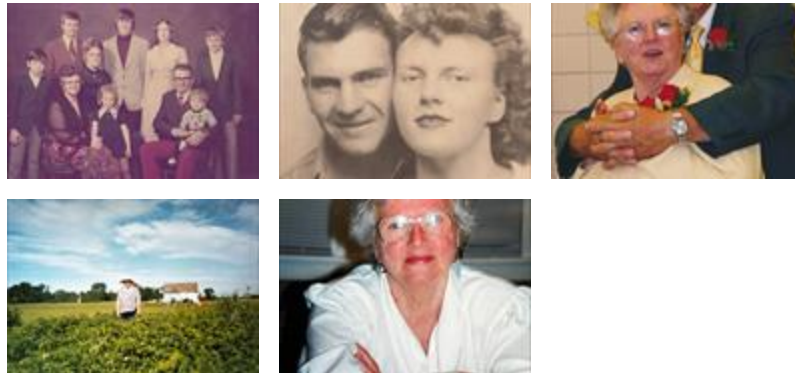
“ Alicia Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Weiher



Alicia Nelson - March 19, 2025 at 04:44 PM

KA

“ 13 files added to the album Josie



Karen - March 19, 2025 at 02:13 PM

HA

“ *Helen Allee sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Helen Allee - March 19, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Josephine Weiher.*



March 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine Weiher.*

March 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

EP

“ *Eric, Becky, and EJ Peterson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Josephine Weiher.*



Eric, Becky, and EJ Peterson - March 19, 2025 at 09:11 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Marladene Heinen - March 18, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JJ

“ *Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Jon and Patty Johnson - March 18, 2025 at 10:11 PM

EF

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Jo Weiher. She always had a smile and was so much fun to visit with.*



Esther and Alan Freitag - March 18, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DA

“ *Deb Andrews lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Deb Andrews - March 18, 2025 at 04:43 PM

PP

“ I had the wonderful pleasure of knowing Jo for the past year and a half. She was one of the first to welcome me when I started at the HRA. She took great pride in her family. I will cherish the many memories and stories I was fortunate enough to have been told by Jo. My sympathy and prayers to her family.

Paige Plautz - March 18, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Janice Denny



Janice Denny - March 18, 2025 at 01:19 PM

SK

“ Saandy Kappaahn lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher



Saandy Kappaahn - March 18, 2025 at 08:33 AM

LW

“ I've lived across the hall from Jo since she moved into Humphrey Manor. She was a very sweet lady. She had a caring heart and showed love for everyone she met. Jo was very proud of her family and displayed many pictures in her home. We shared about our children and grandchildren. We shared about spiritual things and agreed we couldn't get along without knowing Jesus. My sympathy to her family for your loss. It was a blessing to know her. 🌹

Lin Winger - March 18, 2025 at 12:44 AM

BE

“ BettyBarr lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher



BettyBarr - March 17, 2025 at 06:25 PM

MB

“ Mike Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher



Mike Bondzin - March 17, 2025 at 05:38 PM

KP

“ *Karen R Priebe lit a candle in memory of Josephine Weiher*



Karen R Priebe - March 17, 2025 at 05:16 PM