

Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

Josephine Brandriet

(Died March 29, 2016)

Mass of Christian Burial for Josephine Brandriet, 91, of Waverly will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2nd at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Kranzburg. Father Ken Koster will officiate. Burial will follow in the Waverly Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 4-8 p.m. with a wake service at 7:00 p.m. and will continue prior to services on Saturday.

Josephine passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, surrounded by her family.

Josephine Augusta was born on August 9, 1924 to Frank and Mary (Hallauer) Cordell in Codington County. She attended a one room school house in Elmira Township and later went to Kranzburg High School. Jo helped on the family farm for several years before uniting in marriage with Donald Brandriet at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kranzburg on September 19, 1946. The couple made their home on the Olson farm for a year before moving to the family homestead. In early years, both she and Don worked for Heritage Museum, building and finishing museum cases. Josephine also worked for a time at the Hospital in Watertown in the housekeeping department and later for Dakota Poultry. She was a hard-working lady, helping on the family farm while raising their ten children. Each year, a large garden was grown along with chickens and the family dairy cows. She worked tirelessly using a wringer washer and hanging clothes on the line to dry, while also mending all of the family clothes. In 1991, Josephine suffered a stroke that left her partially paralyzed. Her willpower to overcome the difficulties that came with that was a true show of her character. Following Don's passing in September of 2007, she became a resident at Jenkins Living Center.

Josephine was a woman of great faith. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waverly where she served on the Altar Society. She enjoyed cooking and baking, and will be fondly remembered for the many loaves of bread, donuts and cookies. She also loved visiting with family, friends and neighbors. As an avid Minnesota Twins fan, she was granted a My Heart's Desire Wish at Jenkins Living Center, where she met several players and coaches. She will forever be remembered for her strength, generosity and love, witnessed by all of her family.



Celebrating her life are her children: Beverly (Paul) Isom of Clear Lake, Donna Kjornes of Watertown, Jeanette (Bill) Towle of Watertown, Roger (Rose Keen) Brandriet of Watertown, Marjorie (Marlow) Schaffer of Selby, Brian Brandriet (Jolene Hadley) of Watertown, Dale (Shellie) Brandriet of Arlington, Doug (Sandy) Brandriet of Watertown, Russ (Amy) Brandriet of Hurley, 30 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. Josephine is also survived by her sister, Mary Pester of Lake Norden and her sister-in-law, Leona Cordell of Veneta, Oregon.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 61 years, Don, her son, Paul Brandriet, son-in-law, Douglas Kjornes, two daughters-in-law, Randene Brandriet and Karen Brandriet, three sisters and six brothers. Honorary Casketbearers will be the Staff at Jenkins Living Center, her sister, Mary Pester and all of her grandchildren.

Casketbearers will be Art Nelson, Scott Snoozy, Mark Kjornes, Tyler Brandriet, Mitchell Brandriet, Logan Brandriet, Justin Brandriet and Braden Brandriet.

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