



JOANNE BUEGE

April 30, 1941 - May 21, 2026

Joanne Buege, age 85, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2026 surrounded by great love.

Born April 30, 1941, in Caledonia, MN to Harold and Ila Fay (née Besse) Schiltz, Joanne lived a life centered on family, faith, and friendship. On November 21, 1964, she married the love of her life, Robert Buege and together they shared nearly 57 years of marriage until Robert's passing in September of 2021.

Joanne began working at an early age at Albert's Grocery Store. She later pursued her passion for cosmetology, attending La Crosse Beauty School and graduating in 1962. In 1966, she opened Joanne's Beauty Salon, which she proudly owned and operated until her retirement in 2000.

Joanne was a devoted mother to Julie Lange (Tim Lange), Terry Buege (Bonnie Borchardt), Denise (Matthew) Sherrill, and Kristin Buege. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Sadie Lange (Steph Pinal), Emma (Andrew) Gilhart, Lydia Lange, Adam and Nick Buege, and Brody, Rhett, and Payton Sherrill. Few things brought Joanne more joy than watching her grandchildren participate in sports and celebrating their accomplishments.

Joanne enjoyed many travels throughout her life, creating lasting memories

on trips to Hawaii, Europe, and to Texas, where she and Bob spent their winters together and enjoyed time away from the Minnesota cold. Those winters also brought Joanne many cherished friendships and joyful memories at Tip O' Texas Park in Pharr. She especially loved the lively social atmosphere there—attending dances, participating in themed parties, and sharing countless laughs in the sun with friends who became like family. Back home, Joanne relished being a bit of a card-shark with friends at Ma Cal Grove Country Club and catching the first and largest fish of anyone in the boat. She also treasured day trips with her girlfriends, always looking forward to time spent together exploring, laughing, and making memories. In addition to her quick wit and savage one-liners, she will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and competitive spirit. Her presence created countless cherished memories for everyone fortunate enough to know her.

A dedicated and faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Joanne carried her deep faith with her throughout every season of her life. Her unwavering commitment to her church and her spirituality provided her with strength, comfort, and guidance over the years.

She is survived by her siblings Gary Schiltz, Steve Schiltz (Tammy), Eileen Jacobson, and Gail (George) Teff; sisters-in-law Marcella Althof and Gretchen Buege; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. Joanne was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert; her parents Harold and Ila Fay Schiltz; brothers-in-law Glen (Catherine) and Wayne Buege, Don Althof, and Arvid Jacobson; and sisters-in-law Mary (Robert) Blair, Eleanor (Gary) Meyer, and Grace (Charles) Meyer.

She will be greatly missed, yet her family finds solace in her being reunited in Heaven with Bob and all of her loved ones who have gone before her. We love you and miss you, Mom!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to family wishes.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 27th from 4 - 7pm at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall, Caledonia. Prayer service will begin at 6 pm.

Visitation also on Thursday, May 28th from 10:00am - 10:45 am at Holy Family Hall. A eulogy will begin at 11:00 am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. A funeral luncheon will be served in St. Mary's Holy Family Hall. McCormick Funeral Home, Caledonia, is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall
513 South Pine St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

Prayer Service

MAY 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary's Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Buege family: our thoughts are with you during this time of the unexpected, great loss of Joanne. I was unable to attend her services as I was ill. Lots of good memories as neighbors. RIP Joanne*

Dave & Wilma Schoh - May 28 at 11:20 AM

LC

“ *Love, Doc & Mary (Garcia Chiropractic) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of JOANNE BUEGE.*



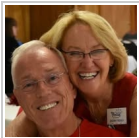
Love, Doc & Mary (Garcia Chiropractic) - May 26 at 12:03 PM

LB

“ *Love, Brian, Renee, Elizabeth & Bradley purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of JOANNE BUEGE.*



Love, Brian, Renee, Elizabeth & Bradley - May 26 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sherry French lit a candle in memory of JOANNE BUEGE*



Sherry French - May 25 at 11:21 AM



“ We are very sad to hear of the loss of such a sweet dear person ❤️ we have the prayers for the family and may your memories of love surround you with comfort ❤️ no
Barry and Sherry French

Sherry French - May 25 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ We wanna express our deepest condolences to Kris and the whole family ! We only met Joanne a few times one winter while we were in Tipo Texas , immediately we were very impressed by the beautiful, sweet , welcoming mom that Kris had and they seemed to get along amazingly well , like a good team ! It was so wonderful to see mother , daughter work so well together ! We fell in love with both of them immediately and felt as though we had known them a long time ! Joanne did not look anywhere near her age ! Such a beautiful Lady , always smiling !Our hearts are broken re: the huge loss ! prayers are with you Kris and your whole family continuously ! 🙏 we are in total disbelief that she is no longer with us here on this earth, but we definitely know and believe that she is reunited with the love of her life, her dear husband !

Ray and Pauline Rioux - May 24 at 07:17 PM

WF

“ Walkins,Thomas,Harper,Henderson Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOANNE BUEGE.

Walkins,Thomas,Harper,Henderson Families - May 24 at 02:22 PM

WF

“ *Walkins, Thomas, Harper, Henderson Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of JOANNE BUEGE.*



Walkins, Thomas, Harper, Henderson Families - May 24 at 02:22 PM

WN

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Mrs. Buege's passing, but has a very loving family of kids and grandkids, that she was central to and responsible for. Her love for her family showed every day with her warm and caring smile. She will be missed but memories will last. Prayers to the family.*

Bill & Claudine Neville

William M Neville - May 24 at 07:53 AM

KC

“ *We are saddened to learn of Joanne's passing. We send our deepest condolences to everyone. You're in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love and hugs. Karol and Reggie Crumes*

Karol and Reggie Crumes - May 23 at 10:57 PM