



## JOSEPHINE FRANCES GAVIN

April 12, 1933 - December 10, 2020

Josephine Frances Gavin (April 12, 1933 – December 10, 2020)

Josephine Gavin 87 of Caledonia, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 10, 2020. She was born April 12, 1933 to Joseph and Matilda (Langen) Lorenz of Hokah, MN. She graduated from St. Peters Catholic School in Hokah as the Valedictorian. She was swept off her feet by her husband to be Bill Gavin in his Shiny 1932 Ford, and his dashing clothes. They were married for 61 years and had 6 children.

Josephine held many jobs over the years, Store Keeper, Cook at St. Mary's School, Bus driver for Schmitz Bus Line, Semcac Bus driver and Semcac food delivery, Monument designer for Lewiston Monuments, book keeper for Calvary Cemetery just too mention a few. She always had time to help her husband who was a custodian at the local school. Out of all her occupations she enjoyed driving the bus the most. She even considering driving an 18-wheeler as she had her CDL; if her life only slowed down a bit.

Josephine had 5 boys and 1 girl. She learned early on that to be with family it was going to involve outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, or helping with car repairs in the garage. She was one of the first females to hunt with all male deer hunting party in the late 1960s. Not only did she get up early and make the hunters breakfast but, at the end of the day she served the hunting party dinner. Following the hunting season, she prepared a wild game feast with pheasant, duck, venison and a variety of animals that shouldn't have been cooked. She even won a local turkey calling contest in her spare time.

She took all the grandkids fishing as often as possible. Even if it was just for an hour there was always time. She was an avid reader and crossword puzzle master. She also loved to travel and visit family around the country from Seattle, Texas, Black Hills, Germany Switzerland and Hawaii. Her love of flowers and gardening can still be seen with some of her flowerbeds to this day.

She is preceded in death by her husband William (Bill) Gavin, parents Joe and Tilly Lorenz, Brothers, Charlie & Willie, and sisters Margarete Feldmeier, Helen Mullen and grandson Evan Gavin. Brother-in-law Maynard Welscher. She is survived by her sister Mary Welscher, children Francis & Vikki Gavin Tomah, WI; Richard & Joan Gavin, La Crescent, MN, Dale & Joy Gavin, Winona, MN, Mike & Patty Gavin Caledonia, MN Charles & Pam Gavin Caledonia, MN and Cathy Gavin-Krupa, Waukon, IA. Grand Children Kelly, John, Garrett Gavin, Rick & Jennifer Gavin, Tony & Stephanie Gavin, Shawn & Tessa Gavin, Katrina Gavin (Cody South), Nick & Sarah Gavin, William, Dusty Gavin, Ryan & Katie Gavin, Megan & Josh Siok, Samantha & Jordan Henke, Angela Gavin, Heather Gavin, Sophia & Justin Krupa. Great Grandchildren Michael, Samuel Gavin, Gabrielle (Ella)Gavin, Ella, Frederic Henke, Ava, Mia Josie & Halle Siok, Kendal Gavin, Timothy, Greg and Audrey Gavin, Bailey Gavin & Deacon South.

A special thank you to Claddagh Senior Living of Caledonia who provide a warm comforting environment for her and always had a smile and a kind words to say about her. St. Croix Hospice staff for all the help.

Condolences may be sent to [mccormickfuneralhome.net](http://mccormickfuneralhome.net) or mailed to Cathy Krupa 801 2nd Ave. NW Waukon, IA 52172. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred at the family's choice. Service will be held Monday, December 14, 2020 at 11:00am St. Mary's Catholic Church Caledonia with wake beginning at 9:30am to 11:00am.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SB

“ My condolences to Kathy and the Gavin sons and families. Josie was such a sweet lady. I enjoyed hearing her hunting stories and how she enjoyed watching outdoor shows on TV. With sympathy.  
Marcia Bauer

Steve and Marcia Bauer - December 21, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JL

“ I was six years old and learning how the world works. My father Ray Langen drove our family over to the Root River area by Aunt Tilly's house to visit. The big news was that “my sixteen year olds cousin Josephine was too young to have a boyfriend.” So I'm sitting in the back seat of a Model T Ford learning and thinking, “So 16 year old girls will be getting themselves some boyfriend, and there ain't nothing anyone can do about it.”

Josephine's cousin David Langen - December 13, 2020 at 05:07 PM

AB

“ Ann Baker lit a candle in memory of  
JOSEPHINE FRANCES GAVIN



Ann Baker - December 13, 2020 at 01:26 AM

DK

“ Deepest sympathy to the Gavin family. Very sorry for your loss.

Duane Kinneberg - December 12, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPHINE FRANCES GAVIN.



December 11, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Bernie** - December 11, 2020 at 07:13 PM



*I do remember Josephine and Billy's wedding reception in a hall in Hokah. Lots of fun for us young cousins!*

*I also so appreciate that Josephine came to California in the late 90s to take care of our mother, Rose Rita Langen, before she became hospitalized for Alzheimer's. Josephine took her to church every day, fed any and all family and friends that stopped by. It was so much fun having her here. Rest in Peace, Josie!--Joan Langen Fessenden*

**Joan Fessenden** - December 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TS

*Being a friend and hunting comrade of Josies son Frank i have a lot of good memories of Josie, she was always a caring and friendly person ever since 1992 when i came over from Germany for visiting my friends and hunting trips to Caledonia.*

*Thank you Josie, may you rest in peace now.  
My deep regrets to the Gavin family.*

*Thomas Stauder, Wehrheim/Germany*

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**Thomas Stauder** - December 15, 2020 at 04:47 AM