



Joanne Lukassen

July 27, 1937 - November 14, 2025

Joanne Lukassen, a faithful Catholic woman devoted to her family and her faith, entered eternal rest on Friday, November 14, 2025. Her life was a testament to unwavering devotion, resilience, and love.

Born in the Netherlands, Joanne grew up during the hardships of World War II, witnessing Nazi soldiers confiscate and burn books from homes in her community. These early experiences instilled in her a lifelong commitment to truth, learning, and freedom. In 1962, she and her husband immigrated to the United States, settling in East Grand Rapids, where they raised their family. Joanne dedicated her career as a librarian to ensuring that young Americans had access to books in excellent condition, nurturing their ability to learn freely. Joanne lived her values with courage and conviction. She was known for her delicious meals prepared with care and love, bringing joy and comfort to her family. A joyful and unselfish giver of her time, she was a devoted wife, mother, and oma, always placing her family first.

She and her husband later moved to their beloved cottage on Indian Lakes, a home lovingly built by her husband. Together, they were devoted members of Christ the King Catholic Church, where they sang in the choir for many years. Joanne's faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she held steadfast to the hope of eternal unification with her Maker. Joanne is survived by her husband of 63 years, John; her children Carol and John Sirowatka, Kevin and Susanne Lukassen, and Kimberly and David Nienhuis; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Caitlin and Andy Mark (Mason, Matthew), Brenton and Sany Sirowatka (Luna, Hugo), Austin and Kelsey Sirowatka, Christian Sirowatka, Jon Lukassen, Anna and Kyle Colquhon (August), Alex and Mista Caswell (Emmett), Andrew and Morgan Caswell (Adalynn, Olivia), and Ava Caswell; her sister Sien Nieken; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bert Lukassen and Joke Hindriks.

Services

Visitation will be held from 4:00–7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. A Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. during visitation.

Joanne's funeral mass will be held at 11 am Monday, November 24, 2025, at Christ the King-St Francis de Sales Catholic Parish, 9596 Reed Rd., Howard City. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so grateful to have known Judy while I served as chaplain at Royal Atrium Inn. She and John were such a delight to visit with and I loved hearing their stories. I am so sorry to learn of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with John and all of Judy's loved ones. Sincerest sympathies, Chaplain Cindy Nyhoff

Cindy Nyhoff - November 21, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ Dear John and family. I just heard that Judy has ascended into heaven. As you, my heart breaks at her loss. I have cried and I have laughed over the many memories we have shared together. John I send you hugs and prayers. Love, Kathy Palazzolo Miller❤️

Katherine Palazzolo-Miller - November 21, 2025 at 03:41 AM

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“ Taylor, Josie & Sue purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joanne Lukassen.



Taylor, Josie & Sue - November 20, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne Lukassen.



November 20, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joanne Lukassen.*



November 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Lukassen.*



November 17, 2025 at 02:02 PM