



## Jo Goemer

November 27, 1934 - September 21, 2019

Marian Josephine (Jo) Goemer passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Sept. 21, 2019 at the age of 84 following a 3-year battle with cancer. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with Pastor Greg Tobison officiating. Following lunch at the church, interment will be held at Lake Ripley Cemetery in Litchfield, MN.

Visitation will be on Friday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church.

Jo was born on November 27, 1934 in rural French Lake, Minnesota to Emil Benjamin Gunnary and Esther (Enbysk) Gunnary. She was the 7th in a family of 9 children and grew up on the family farm, attended the Gunnary country school and Annandale High School. Her favorite childhood memories included washing dishes with her sisters, learning to cook and bake for a large family and escapades on the farm – including climbing trees, swinging in the hayloft, sledding and Saturday night saunas. In high school she loved roller skating and met the love of her life, Sid Goemer, at the Cokato roller skating rink. After graduation, she attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis and worked as a secretary.

On August 7, 1954, Jo was united in marriage with Sidney Goemer at the Cokato Apostolic Lutheran Church. After spending two years with Sid while he was in the army at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, they made their home at the Goemer family dairy and crop farm in rural Darwin. Jo was a devoted wife and mother to 5 children and her days were filled with cooking, gardening and caring for her family. Her nieces and nephews frequently stayed there and remember the blend of work and fun, her wonderful cooking and her warm hospitality. Both strong and caring, she epitomized Finn “sisu” (strength, fortitude and courage) as she navigated life’s challenges and lovingly cared for her aging parents and those around her. She was an active member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid in Ellsworth Township and enjoyed the neighborhood Extension Groups and her bowling team.

After Sid and Jo retired from farming, they frequently traveled with Jo’s sisters and family. Some of her favorite trips included a farm tour of Australia and New Zealand, visiting Europe, Hawaii and Alaska, Caribbean cruises and many visits to Branson to enjoy the music of her favorite singer, Daniel O’Donnell. She had 11 grandchildren who all have special memories of staying with Grandpa and Grandma, feeling wonderfully loved and supported, and quite frankly, spoiled. Highlights included tractor and lawn mower rides, swimming at the beach and eating pie for breakfast.

Jo is survived by her husband of 65 years, Sidney Goemer, of Darwin, children, Craig (Carol) of Alexandria, Lori (Dave) Noel of Golden Valley, Lee of Andover, Carolyn (Cal) Dornbush of Woodbury, and Mark (Stacey) of Delano; and grandchildren, Natasha (Jeff) Mills, Angela (Ryan) Heidelberger, Brett (Tiffany) Noel, Amy (Matt) Anderson, Melissa Skoglund, Jeffrey Noel, Megan Dornbush, Alyssa Noel, Michael Dornbush, Lauren Goemer, Quentin Goemer and 9 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother, Wallace (Barb) Gunnary of Annandale, sister, Teddy Kothe of South Haven, sisters-in-law, Mary Steele of Madison, WI, Dorothy Goemer of Litchfield, Sharon (Dick)

Elmqvist of Crosslake, and Shirley Gunnary of Buffalo and many nieces and nephews.

Jo's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Ecumen Home Care and Hospice of Litchfield for their wonderful care and support during the past 16 months. It was invaluable and truly appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Ripley Cemetery

1325 South Sibley Avenue  
Litchfield, MN 55355

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home  
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street  
Dassel, MN 55325  
(320) 275-3381  
jfhdassel@spectrum.net

## Funeral Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
430 5th Ave SW  
Hutchinson, MN 55350

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Jo...  
prayers are with you & family  
Pauline Johnson



Pauline Johnson - October 23, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jo  
Goemer.



September 27, 2019 at 12:52 PM

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“ Kevin and Jen Lanners purchased the Simply Ele  
gant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jo Goemer.



Kevin and Jen Lanners - September 27, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Jo Goemer.



September 27, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jo Goemer.*



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September 26, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jo Goemer.*



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September 26, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *Sid & family,  
My deepest sympathy for your loss, Jo is at  
peace with the Lord. God be with you all at  
this difficult time.*



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**Donna Olson** - September 26, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Jo Goemer.*



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September 25, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jo Goemer.*



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September 25, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jo Goemer.*



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September 25, 2019 at 10:56 AM