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Joan E. Wagner age 81 of Alexandria passed away peacefully on December 25, 2014. Her sharp wit, twinkling eyes, generous nature and unfailing competence will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Joan was born on June 8, 1933 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the beloved daughter and only child of Chester and Evelyn (Loegering) Anderson. Joan grew up in south Minneapolis near Lake Calhoun, graduating from West High School in 1951. Following high school graduation, Joan pursued the nursing career that came so naturally to her caring spirit and matter-of-fact approach to life by graduating from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in the Class of 1954.

Joan was united in marriage to Charles "Charlie" Wagner on May 21, 1955. Despite working full time, the newlyweds personally built their own home in the woods near Mahtomedi, where they raised two boys, Tom and Dan.

Joan spent the core of her nursing career as a surgical nurse at the Charles T. Miller Hospital in St. Paul, where she specialized in eye surgery. Joan's career paused in 1976 when the family moved to Alexandria to own and operate the

Valhalla Resort on Lake Darling but she soon renewed her commitment to nursing and worked at Douglas County Hospital until her retirement at the end of 1994.

Retirement was rarely idle as Joan's loving care of family and a menagerie of pets was accompanied by a voracious appetite for books, gardening, sewing, and cooking.

Preceded in death by husband of 57 years Charles and also by many beloved pets. Survived by sons Tom (Rebecca) Wagner and Dan Wagner; grandchildren Ryan (Salwa), Andrew and Joseph Wagner; great granddaughter Annabelle Wagner; aunt Eppie Laura Gaynes with whom she shared an exceptional bond and special family friend Jason Westin.

Visitation for family and friends begins at 9:30 am, with a memorial service at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Anderson Funeral Home, in Alexandria, MN. Services will be followed by inurnment at Kinkead Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Lakes Area Humane Society, 3811 Nevada Ave. Alexandria, MN. 56308

Cemetery Details

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, MN 56308

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was very sorry to hear about Joan's passing. Joanie and Charlie were great friends and neighbors of my parents on Lake Geneva. May you find comfort in your memories of such a wonderful couple.
Kathy (Carlson) McCabe

kathy McCabe - January 30, 2015 at 11:25 AM

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“ Judy Cross lit a candle in memory of Joan E. Wagner



judy cross - January 04, 2015 at 11:22 AM

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“ I read the Obituary so lovingly prepared by Joanie's family. They did a great job! She was a very strong and capable woman. All of the animals that found their way to her door got a loving home. The family she cooked for all these many years will be missing her culinary talents. Let those recipes live on! I can remember those yummy cookies. She has earned her wings, that is for certain. And she has left a wonderful legacy with her children, grandchildren and great granddaughter. God bless them all.

Joanie will not be forgotten.

Lovingly sent by Judy & John Henry Cross

Judy Cross - December 31, 2014 at 03:46 PM