



Joyce Annette Westrum

August 15, 1937 - February 13, 2025

Joyce Annette Westrum, age 87, died peacefully on February 13, 2025 at her home in Beach, ND surrounded by her loving family, 6 months and 7 days after suffering a debilitating stroke. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Pastor Liz Franz officiating. Interment will be at Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Joyce Annette Sund was born on August 15, 1937 in Parshall, ND to C. Roy and Ruth (Hansen) Sund. Joyce grew up in Parshall and graduated high school with the class of 1955. She was married to Kenneth H. Westrum on October 30, 1958 at the First Lutheran Church in Parshall. In 1961, a job came open in Beach for Ken, so they and baby girl, Sue made the move to Beach. Joyce first worked as a bookkeeper for Ed Novotny at his TV repair shop and would later go on to be a bookkeeper for NAPA for many years. She also was a bartender at the American Legion Club and the O.K. Corral. She was hired by Golden Valley County Social Services as a Home Health Aide in 1988 and did that job until she retired in 2020.

Joyce enjoyed taking trips in their R.V., doing sudoku puzzles, playing solitaire, spending time with her family, playing games, watching Lawrence Welk, and reading. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church and a Life Member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Sue Branden; son, Steve and his wife, Kelly all of Beach and son, Jay and his fiancé' Jamie of Coquille, OR; grandchildren, Kayla and her husband, Jeremy Skaley, Dylan and his wife, Tabiatha Branden, Colin Westrum and LeighAnn and her husband, Clay Barton, Falon Hubbard, Miranda Westrum, and Abigail and her husband, Christopher Elzner; great-granddaughters, Hayden Joy, McKenli Skaley, Madilyn, Audrenna, and Johannah Branden; great-grandsons; Cayden and Nathan Elzner; her sisters, Joanne (Jim) King, Jeanne Qualley, and Beth Mar as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ken, one sister, four brothers-in-law, and an infant grandson, Kristen Daniel Branden.

Joyce's Funeral Service will be live-streamed on the First Lutheran Facebook page at: [Facebook@FirstLutheranBeach](#). Memorial contributions are suggested to Badlands Bible Camp or a charity of one's choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Beach Lutheran Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
silha@midstate.net

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Lutheran Church
225 2nd Ave SE
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I last saw Joyce when I came to Beach for my Aunt's funeral (Dorothy Stolberg) 3 years ago. I went to her house for a visit which they bought from my former in-laws Grant & Francis Folh. I didn't know she had a stroke, but know she is with God now. Praying for those left behind.
Pamela Fohl Hill

Pamela Hill - March 14, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Joyce. Joyce and Ken and the whole family were special friends. May you find peace with wonderful memories. *Doug and Laura Davis*

Doug and Laura Davis - February 26, 2025 at 10:25 PM



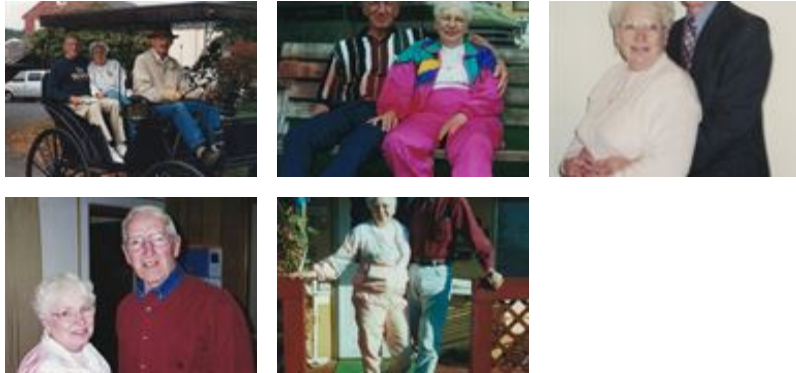
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Silha Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM



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Silha Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 01:58 PM



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Silha Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Annette Westrum.

February 19, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Westrum.*



February 19, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Annette Westrum.

February 18, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Westrum.*



February 18, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *Pete Giambalvo lit a candle in memory of Joyce Westrum*



Pete Giambalvo - February 17, 2025 at 03:01 PM

PM

“ Pam messman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Annette Westrum.

Pam messman - February 17, 2025 at 10:39 AM

PM

“ Pam messman purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Joyce Annette Westrum.



Pam messman - February 17, 2025 at 10:39 AM

SD

“ I will miss my neighbor and church coffee pal. We played bells next to each other when both Joyce and Ken were with the "dingalings". Fond memories of a dedicated Lutheran.

Sharon Farstveet Dietz - February 17, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Westrum.



February 17, 2025 at 01:14 AM

TM

“ The McClung's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Annette Westrum.

The McClung's - February 16, 2025 at 11:57 PM

TM

“ The McClung's purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Joyce Annette Westrum.



The McClung's - February 16, 2025 at 11:57 PM

BH

“ barbara holden lit a candle in memory of Joyce Westrum



barbara holden - February 16, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SL

“ Susan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Joyce Annette Westrum



Susan Lawrence - February 15, 2025 at 06:07 PM

RK

“Joyce was such a sweet person, I so enjoyed taking her to the airport when she would go west.”

Roy Klym - February 15, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LH

“Loann Hardy lit a candle in memory of Joyce Annette Westrum”



Loann Hardy - February 15, 2025 at 12:27 PM

DE

“Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Joyce Westrum”



Dawn Egan - February 15, 2025 at 01:25 AM