



Joyce E. Kivi

July 3, 1925 - July 5, 2025

Joyce Evelyn Gabriella Hendrickson Kivi “Suomaalainen Centenarian”, age 100, of Minocqua, was called to her rest on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Careview Health and Rehab in Minocqua, WI.

Joyce was born on July 3, 1925 to Bill and Anna Hendrickson in Brantwood, WI. She was a graduate of Tri-County High School and attended the last Tripoli school class reunion in 2023 at 99 years old. Joyce attended Shasta Junior College Nursing Program. She worked as a telephone switchboard operator for Ma Bell for many years.

Joyce was introduced to her future husband, George M. Kivi, by friends at an Iggy Koskkila Finnish Accordion music dance who then proposed to her on February 12, 1947. Joyce and George were married in Ironwood, MI on July 12, 1947 and lived on the family dairy farm, raising a family of four in the Erwin Township until 1959.

Joyce enjoyed singing, dancing, caring for her family and pets, reading, listening to music (especially polka), crosswords and watching wildlife on Pine Lake (which they relocated back to in 1987). She also traveled the world extensively with destinations including Finland, Italy, China, Israel and Germany. Joyce was a member of WELS churches in Wisconsin as well as Northern and Southern California.

Reaching the age of 100, Joyce is preceded in death by many family and friends that she loved dearly. She is survived by her children, Evelyn Marie Kivi Baughman (Robert), George Melvin Kivi, Jr., Debi Kivi-Tupper (Bob), Brian John Kivi (Sondra); 6 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Minocqua, Wisconsin from 10:00 – 11:00 AM followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 and food and fellowship to follow. The Memorial Service will be live streamed by the church.

In lieu of memorials please donate to an organization of your choice in Joyce's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
8781 Brunswick Rd
Minocqua, WI 54548-9322
(715) 356-2255

Memorial Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Minocqua, WI

Tribute Wall



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

July 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Donna Chalfant (Lawton) purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joyce E. Kivi.



Donna Chalfant (Lawton) - July 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM



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

July 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Kivi.



July 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM

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“ In the late 1940s-early 1950s, when I was a very young child, I remember going with my Mom and Dad to the Irwin Township farm where Joyce lived. When they left, they forgot about me! When we moved to Minocqua in 1974, Jenni and I had a wonderful visit with Joyce at her Hazelhurst home. She is a fond memory of mine and will not be forgotten. We send our sincere condolences to her daughter and family.

Gerald & Jennifer Tiziani - July 14, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ Mike & Julie Schultz lit a candle in memory of Joyce Kivi



Mike & Julie Schultz - July 11, 2025 at 03:19 PM