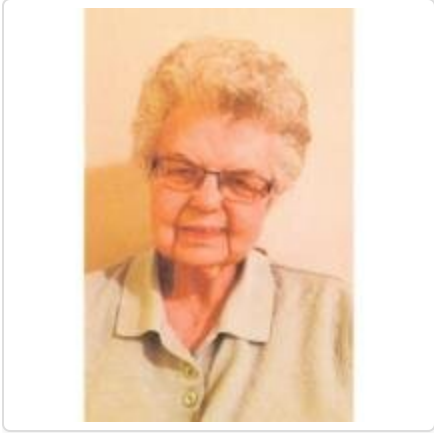




Joan Schatz

February 27, 1935 - February 21, 2015

Joan Schatz, 79, Bismarck, died February 21, 2015, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck, from complications of cancer and her treatment after being diagnosed with cancer in October 2014. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, with Rev. Dale Nabben officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 24, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Joan French Schatz was born on February 27, 1935, in Bismarck, ND, the daughter of Leslie and Edna Jensen French. She attended Will-Moore Elementary and Bismarck High School where she graduated from high school in 1953. Joan then attended Carlton College in Minnesota before completing her education at Bismarck Junior College. Joan was an honor student in high school and college and was on the Queen's Court in high school and participated in many of the activities. Joan married her best friend, Don Schatz, on June 2, 1957, in Bismarck. She worked at the State Capitol in the Visitor's Bureau during school break. Joan then worked for a local insurance agency. In the early 60s, she went to work at the US Soil Conservation office. While there, she worked up to being the head secretary of the engineering department. They moved to Minot in 1974, where Joan worked as the assistant to the director of the Minot Social Security office. They returned to Bismarck in 1982, where she continued her work at the Social Security department until her retirement in 1988. Joan enjoyed sewing and was an excellent cake decorator and candy

maker. She was a lifelong learner and an avid reader, who would read an author's entire collection. She is survived by the love of her life, her husband, Don Schatz; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Bismarck Children's Library or the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan.

Tribute Wall

MS

“Joan and I were co-workers in Bismarck SCS for seven years. It was my first full-time job after college and Joan was a big factor in making it a great experience. She was kind, supportive, and fun. She was a professional from her stylish personal appearance, to her work ethic, to her commitment to a job well done. I remember making Holiday decorations with her for an office party she was very creative. And of course, she was always reading Joan = Books. Even though I left SCS and the area in 1974; Joan and I kept in touch during every Holiday Season for the last 40 years. A person doesn't forget such a lovely lady. Don, thank you for thinking of Lee and me and sending the notice. You are in our thoughts.

Margo Saele - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“Don, I am so sorry for your loss. I lost my Wally on May 2, 2014. Joan rode to work with me when we lived on LaForest Ave. We had an evening of canning peaches way back then. She was always groomed to perfection. I'm sure she was as beautiful on the inside as the outside.

Vi Person - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Don, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I had the pleasure of working with Joan at the SSA office in Minot and then again in Bismarck. My late husband, Gordy and I were the ones who bought your brand new snow blower so many years ago - you were both so glad you wouldn't have to shovel snow again!

Sue Solseth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Don, When I first started working for Soil Conservation Service, Joan was a secretary down the hall from my office. She was always so kind and caring to me - which I certainly appreciated since I was so young and new at everything.

Jackie Hatzenbuhler Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM