

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Lois Joyce Taffe*

WHO WAS BORN

August 4, 1932  
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

October 14, 2019  
Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, October 21, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
Graceville, Minnesota



CELEBRANT

Father Brian Oestreich

LECTOR

Brother Michael Taffe

SPECIAL PRAYER

Willie Frisch

OFFERTORY

Nicole Thorson | Tanya Reiter | Whitney Frisch  
Ashley Sparrow | Katie Webster

MUSICIANS

Deb Farwell, Organist  
Deb Stueve | Sandy Bauer | Chris Weick | Jean Costello, Vocalists

HONORARY BEARERS

American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary

CASKET BEARERS

Cody Thorson | Michael Carlson | Tanner Taffe | Willie Frisch  
Adam Andrews | Mitchell Andrews | Brady Fuhrman | Scott Fuhrman

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery  
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Lois's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship in the parish center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

Lois Joyce (Honzo) Taffe was born on August 4, 1932, in Wheaton, Minnesota. She was the daughter of James and Cora (Neill) Honzo. Lois grew up on a farm north of Johnson, Minnesota, and graduated from Graceville High School in 1950. She tied as Valedictorian but lost on a draw. Lois enjoyed working for the Graceville Phone Company before she was married.

Lois was united in marriage with Leo Taffe on October 27, 1956, at St. Barnabus Catholic Church in Barry, Minnesota. They were blessed with five children.

Lois loved doing anything outdoors. She enjoyed working in her garden, fishing, hunting, golfing, and shooting trap. She loved decorating her house and yard for all the holidays with many lights and adornments. Lois took great pride in caring for her farm, especially mowing, and spent many hours woodworking. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Lois had a love for all animals, especially her dogs Babe and Sally.

Lois served on the Graceville School Board for many years. She also mowed the cemetery in Graceville in which she took great pride. Lois served on the Graceville Rural Housing Board and was very proud in being able to initiate the construction of the first apartment building in Graceville. She drove school bus for more than 35 years, was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was a member of the American Cancer Society, and the DFL.

In 1974, Lois was very proud when she received the Beautiful Farmstead Award. Lois loved to plant trees and received an award for outstanding conservation achievements in 1984 and again in 2003.

Lois Taffe is survived by her children: Candi (Bob) Thorson of St. Cloud, MN; Mike (Brenda) Taffe of Graceville, MN; Carrie (Greg) Frisch of Dumont, MN; Patty (Mark) Andrews of Graceville, MN; Susie Fuhrman (Jim Wulff) of Graceville, MN; 13 grandchildren: Nicole Thorson, Cody Thorson, Tanya (Tyson) Reiter, Michael (Sara) Carlson, Tanner (Shelby) Taffe, Whitney Frisch, Willie Frisch, Adam Andrews, Ashley (Tony) Sparrow, Mitchell Andrews, Brady (Ashley) Fuhrman, Scott (Lauren) Fuhrman, and Katie (David) Webster; 15 great-grandchildren (and one on the way); one sister; and three sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Taffe in 1970; her parents; and two brothers.

## *Safely Home*

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
All's so happy, all's so bright!  
There's perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the Valley of the Shade?  
Oh, Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade!

And He came Himself to meet me  
On the way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.



There is work still  
waiting for you,  
So you must not idle stand;  
Do your work  
while life remaineth  
You shall rest in Jesus' hand.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

-Harry VanderArk



*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Lois J. Taffe*