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Joyce “Joy” (nee: Lesselyong) Cate, age 91, moved on to her next great journey on Monday, March 27, 2017 at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, WI. She was born April 17, 1925. Joy graduated high school from St. Joseph’s Academy in Green Bay, WI. After high school, she attended St. John’s School of Nursing in Springfield, IL where she received her nursing degree from the State of Illinois. Joy worked for one year at St. Francis’s Hospital in Honolulu, HI where she met the love of her life, Richard Cate, who was serving in the U.S. Navy at the time. On November 2, 1949, she married Richard M. Cate in Dubuque, IA and together they shared 54 years of marriage before his passing on October 19, 2004. Joy worked for 20 years at the Winnebago Mental Health Facility before her retirement. She will be dearly missed by all of her loving family and friends.

Joy is survived by four children, Connie (Michael) Worzala of Green Bay, WI, Christine Popp of Appleton, WI, Claire (William) Reid of Hamilton, TX, and Richard J. (Susie) Cate of Wrightstown, WI. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard M. Cate; a daughter, Catherine Cate; a son-in-law, Gary Popp; and three brothers.

Per Joy’s wishes, no services will be held. Burial will take place at the Central WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King, WI at a later date. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Joy’s family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Holly Funeral Home and to the staff at Bethany Pines for all of their help and support given to our family over the years. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to her care and comfort in the ER and Neuro IMCU at ThedaCare in Neenah. The special care our mother received will never be forgotten.

“Be on the stairs at noon, Joyce, lunch is served.”



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Cemetery Details



Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

N2665 County Road QQ, King WI 54946



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SL

Sharon (Korn) Lambert posted:

My name is Sharon "Korn" and my only recollection of Mrs. Cate is from when my mother, Sue Korn, worked with her at Winnebago. When I saw that Joyce Cate had passed, I had to look at the obituary to see if it could possibly be the same Mrs. Cate that my mother often spoke of. Sure enough, the age and employment history prove to me that it is. I am sorry for your sadness as you say "good-bye" to your mom...but I am also rejoicing that she can take her promised spot in Heaven. I am sure I've met your mom along the way, years ago, but I don't really remember that. What I DO remember is how much my mother liked her and appreciated their friendship and Winnebago relationship. I can remember myself even feeling somehow comforted by the fact that Mrs. Cate was at Winnebago and worked with my momand it made me sentimental feeling and a bit teary-eyed to think of that now. My mom is smiling down to think that I remembered "Mrs. Cate" and wrote this note. You have my sympathy and respect. Sharon (Korn) Lambert

April 3 at 9:10 AM

HG

Hannah Gutho posted:

I considered Joyce one of my very best friends. She would always have a kind word to say and would notice what I was wearing. In fact, she would make me turn around to see "the backside" because that completed the whole outfit (if it looked good from the backside). I would stop every day and we would talk for a few minutes. When I played the accordion, I would play "How much is that doggy in the window?" just for her because of her love of dogs. Then she would giggle. God's blessings to all of you during this time of loss. May you find peace knowing that she is now reunited with those who have gone before her. She is giggling with them now! HannahBethany Pines

April 3 at 7:14 AM

CL

Claire posted:

I think Mum would want everyone to know how thankful she is for all the kindness and care everyone gave her. All her wonderful friends, old and young. How sweet everyone at Bethany was (especially Jenni) even on her bad days. So Mum I sure hope you are heeding my words, double down on dessert!!! I love you, Honey Bear.

March 30 at 7:07 AM



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Sharon Nielsen posted:

We will always remember Joyce with great fondness. We has a lot of good laughs sitting on the pier and enjoying the beautiful Chain O'Lakes with Joyce. Joyce was a wonderful neighbor and we have many many happy memories. We will miss you Joyce...Love the Nielsen Family - Rainbow Lake

March 29 at 7:32 AM



Mary Schumacher posted:

Joyce i will miss your beautiful smiling face in the Bleu Barn for all your meals. RIP sweet lady.

March 29 at 5:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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