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## JOAN HJELMGREN OBITUARY

81 Years Joan Hjelmgren (nee Levine) passed away on October 25, 2013. She is survived by<sup>x</sup> loving husband of 59 years, William (Bill) Hjelmgren; children, Lee, Janet (Doug Cox) and Ruth (Jay Theriault); grandchildren, Eric (Kerry), Ross, Oskar and Joanna. She is preceded in death by brother, Jack Levine. She will be remembered most for her compassionate heart, quick wit and love of family, music and singing. Born in Duluth on June 4, 1932, Joan eventually moved to the cities and went to Mounds-Midway School of Nursing. She worked at Mounds Park Hospital and St. Joseph's in psychiatry and later chemical dependency in a career that spanned over 40 years. She cared deeply for her patients and colleagues, and gathered friends around her like a big bouquet. Always quick with a joke or a pot of hot coffee on the stove, her kitchen was always open for careful listening and gentle guidance. She delighted in being a mother and grandmother, and was usually sewing or crafting something fun and wonderful. Joan and Bill enjoyed traveling and their lake homes, as well as their snowbird days in Florida. Her voice and love will be missed here on earth, though heaven's choir of angels just grew by one beautiful soprano. Service Wednesday 11AM at TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 115 N. 4th Street, Stillwater. Interment Fairview Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 4-7PM at BRADSHAW CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER, 2800 Curve Crest Blvd, Stillwater (NW corner of Hwy 36 and Co Rd 5) and one hour prior to the service at church. 2800 Curve Crest Blvd, Stillwater 651-439-5511



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