



## Joann E. Vavak

December 7, 1942 - March 20, 2024

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Joann E. Vavak, 81, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Father Gregory Carl will be officiating the service. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a Rosary service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Joann passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Addington Place Memory Care of Prairie Village, Kansas. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Joann was born on December 7, 1942 in Norfolk to Joseph and Edna (Beltz) Eggerling. She grew up in Creighton, Nebraska and graduated from St. Ludger's Academy in Creighton. She married Ronald Vavak on November 25, 1963 at St. Ludger's Catholic Church in Creighton. They moved to Verdigre and then settled in Norfolk in 1967. Joann was a loving wife and wonderful mother to five children. She embodied every aspect of what it means to live a Christian life. She was selfless, caring, genuine, compassionate, nurturing and always saw the best in every person. We are truly blessed by her love. I'm sure every single person who knew her enjoyed her baking. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church/Sacred Heart, Altar Society, Red Hat Society, Church Women United, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and Catholic Daughters. She was an Oblate of the Benedictine Sisters. In addition to her devotion to many organizations, she had the initiative to help people in the

community by offering support to families who had suffered the loss of a child.

She is survived by her spouse Ronald Vavak of Prairie Village, KS, Cindy (Scott) Schultz of Prairie Village, KS, Dave (Katie) Vavak of Overland Park, KS, Jeff (Tara) Vavak of Kansas City, MO, Jody (Tom) Demo of Eureka Springs, AR, grandchildren are Renee, Joseph (Sam), Emily and John (SarahJane) Schultz, Bennett and Grace Vavak, Molly, John and Maggie Vavak, and Olivia (Ethan Brugger), Jake and Mac Demo, sisters Evelyn Indra of Norfolk, and Loretta (Marlin) Kratochvil of Norfolk, sister-in-law Mary Eggerling of Norfolk and many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Edna, son Gerald Vavak, mother and father-in-law Frank and Vlasta Vavak, brother Willard Eggerling, sister Lavonne (Ralph) Sykora, and brother-in-law Art Indra Jr.

Casket bearers will be Joann's grandsons, Joseph Schultz, John Schultz, Bennett Vavak, Jake Demo, Mac Demo and John Vavak.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to: Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk, NE [www.mbsmissionaries.org/get-involved/donate.html](http://www.mbsmissionaries.org/get-involved/donate.html), The Alzheimers Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk, NE [www.sacredheartnorfolk.com/sh-share-your-gifts](http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.com/sh-share-your-gifts).

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Rosary Service

MAR 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk  
2300 Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Sipe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann E. Vavak.*

**The Sipe Family** - March 25, 2024 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ *The Sipe Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joann E. Vavak.*



**The Sipe Family** - March 25, 2024 at 11:48 AM

MM

“ *We were so sad to hear about Joann's death. Our prayers for this sweet lady, for her husband Ron and daughter Cindy and all the family, especially the grandkids. I am grateful for the chance to know her and for the memory of some great dinners at the Schultz home. Love and sympathy to all,  
Sister Michele Morek O.S.U.*

**Michele Marie Morek** - March 24, 2024 at 07:24 PM

GR

“ *Condolences to all of you, losing our Moms is so very tough. I am contributing to Alzheimer's research to honor your Mom with my donation. I hope you find peace sooner rather later. You are in my thoughts. Gloria Rudd*

**Gloria Rudd** - March 24, 2024 at 12:38 PM

TF

“ *The Livingston Family!! purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Joann E. Vavak.*



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**The Livingston Family!!** - March 24, 2024 at 12:14 PM

PM

“ *Pat, DeAnn, Megan, Connor and McKenna  
purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family  
of Joann E. Vavak.*



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**Pat, DeAnn, Megan, Connor and McKenna** - March 23, 2024  
at 10:19 AM

SS

“ *St. Ann Parish Staff purchased the Emerald Gard  
en Basket for the family of Joann E. Vavak.*



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**St. Ann Parish Staff** - March 22, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CL

“ *We were so sad to hear about JoAnn. Our deepest sympathy is  
extended to Ron & the family. She was a dear friend & so kind &  
giving. She will be missed by all the lives she touched. You are all in  
our prayers. May the Lord bless you & keep you & comfort you.  
With love & prayers.  
Carolyn ( Pavlik) & Lyle Larsen*

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**Carolyn & Lyle Larsen** - March 21, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DM

*So sad to hear about the passing of Joann! My deepest sympathy to cousin Ron & the family ! Keeping you all in my prayers !  
Darlene Matson*

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**Darlene Matson** - March 21, 2024 at 01:54 PM

PS

*We have so many wonderful memories of JoAnn. She was an exceptional human being.  
"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice...". Thoughts and prayers to Ron and family.*

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**Pattie Schuckman** - March 22, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KW

*JoAnn was the kindest person to everyone. I remember the days when I visited with mom and dad, it was always an enjoyable time. We will miss her greatly. Our sympathy to Ronnie and family.  
Waldo and Kathy (Mlady)*

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**Kathy Warriner** - March 23, 2024 at 09:30 AM