



Joyce N. Kindschuh

April 16, 1930 - March 29, 2026

Joyce Nellie Kindschuh of rural Brownsville died peacefully March 29, 2026, in the home she lived in for the past 71 years. She was born April 16, 1930, at home on the family farm in the township of Leon, Waushara County Wisconsin to Helmuth and Clara (Blaise) Tornow. Following graduation from Berlin High School in 1948, Joyce attended Oshkosh Business College where she graduated with a secretarial degree. Her first job was as a secretary at Rockwood Sprinkler Company in Oshkosh. Then she was employed at Marathon Corporation, Menasha, as a sales service assistant. She and one other lady were the first women to hold this position which was formerly only held by men. Joyce was employed there for five years until her marriage on February 19, 1955, to Calvin Kindschuh at the Methodist Church in Poy Sippi, WI.

She served as a 4-H foods leader with the South Byron 4-H Club for a number of years. She was superintendent of the foods department at the Fond du Lac County Fair for 22 years. She was active with the Oakfield School Music Association when her children were in school and served as treasurer. She served on the building committee for the Belle Reynolds School and Oakfield High School. She served as treasurer on the school board of the former Camp Ground School.

She was very active in the Oakfield United Methodist Church until she became a member of Covenant United Methodist Church. While a church member in Oakfield, she served on the building committee, was a council

secretary and also chairperson of the council for a number of years. She was a member of the ladies fellowship and was president. She headed the dessert department for all of the church dinners for 40 years. Desserts were her specialty especially hickory nut pie, hickory nut cake, lazy daisy cake, poppy seed torte and poppy seed cake. She was an active member of Byron Historical Society and the former South Byron Grange. A short time ago she was presented with the Town of Byron Citizen of the Year award for 2026. She loved to dance and play sheephead, dominoes, Rook and Phase 10. She worked on the family farm when her husband was alive. She was a demonstrator for Johnsonville Foods for 14 years. She was a caregiver for Dorothy McLean for seven years. She loved nature and walking at the former Byron Center. She loved working outside in her vegetable and flower gardens, especially her roses. She faithfully attended many of her children's activities which included football, basketball, wrestling, band and choral concerts. She loved her family; they were all special to her. She loved to travel and had been to all 50 states. After the untimely death of her husband in 1979, she met Harvey Mincy in 1980. Joyce and Harvey had the opportunity to visit throughout the world. She traveled to Europe five times, United Kingdom, Egypt, Mexico, Guatemala, Jordan, Israel, Greece, St. Petersburg, Scandinavia, Fiji, Australia, Germany, Italy and New Zealand. Joyce is survived by her children Jeffery (Kris) Oklahoma City, Patti Stuebs (Jeff) of rural Campbellsport, Curt (Shelly) Brownsville and Steven (Donna) Visalia, California. Grandchildren include Rob Jeffries, Austin, Texas, Vickie Jeffries, Raleigh, North Carolina, Eric Cobb, Bradenton, Florida, Stacie (Joseph) Gruenwald, North Fond du Lac, Kelsey Cobb, Anchorage, AK, James & Samantha Kindschuh, Visalia, California. Great-grandchildren are: Joe Romero, Alex, Lexi and Aidan Cobb and Penelope Gruenwald. She is also survived by her step-grandchildren: Zack, Jake & Rachel Stuebs and Alexis (Blake) Champeau and a step-great-grandson, Charlie Champeau. Other survivors include Harvey Mincy's children: Wendell Mincy, Merrilyn (Daniel) DiVenanzo, Mark Mincy and Michael (Seana) Mincy and Harvey's

four grandchildren: Muriel and Andrew (Katie) DiVenanzo, Kilah and Brendan Mincy & two great-grandchildren, Vera and Jacob. She is also survived by her sister, Alene Mueckler.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Calvin Kindschuh on September 5, 1979, and by her parents, and her special friend, Harvey Mincy, on November 9, 2017.

Visitation for Joyce will be from 9 to 11 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac.

Funeral services will begin at 11 AM, with lunch to follow.

Joyce asks that you wear bright colors to celebrate her life.

Cremation has taken place; inurnment will be at Ledgeview Cemetery.

The family would like to thank SSM Home Hospice and Visiting Angels for the care they provided her over the past 6 weeks.

Memorials may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Ledgeview Memorial Park

N6250 County Trunk K
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant United Methodist Church
20 North Marr Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Christmas Thoughts from My Friend, Joyce

The Christmas of 2024 I collected Christmas memories from members of Covenant United Methodist Church. Among them were Christmas recollections from Joyce. I never knew her as a child but her warm and charming childhood memories added a special old fashioned magic to the little Christmas collection.

Joyce spoke of Christmas on “her” Poy Sippi farm. Her Dad said that their family cut the “freshest” Christmas tree as it was from their own “back forty.” Being far away from their Methodist Church on Christmas Eve, the family stayed home and her Dad lit that tree with real little wax candles - it was so beautiful, that it was like having their own Christmas Eve service. She spoke of the Children’s Church Christmas pageant on December 23rd with songs and recitations. She was an angel one year! She spoke of the Sears & Roebuck Catalogue, loving Santa Claus and loving the new typewriter she received one year and how she thought it was what drew her to business school as a young woman.

Joyce spoke of a “fat chicken” for Christmas dinner and what a good cook her mother was. There were stories about board games and card games and her family gathered around the table for the holiday dinner. “And I loved baking cookies with my Mom. For weeks before the holiday the kitchen was warm and filled with the fragrance of baking cookies.”

I will miss Joyce’s cookies and her tortes and her adventuresome baking spirit, but mostly I will miss having tea at her table and her gifts of rhubarb and of never failing friendship.

May God ever hold her family in the palm of his hand.

Denise Shaffer

Denise Shaffer - April 11 at 12:37 AM



“ *Joyce warmly welcomed me as family with open arms. She is kind, spunky, and a great conversationalist. I’ll never forget her shamelessly beating me at Phase 10 and Dominos over and over again. She will be dearly missed.* ”



Katie Di - April 10 at 06:59 PM

DK

“ *It was a joy to know Joyce. I remember her fondly as a fellow member at OMC and her great advice on Tortes and desserts. My husband Ed was a neighbor and had a great time playing at their house. I was able to visit briefly on the phone before her passing. She had a full and giving life filled we with wonderful gifts she shared with all who knew her. Rest in Peace Joyce. OUR SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY. Donna and Ed Kolterman* ”



Donna Kolterman - April 03 at 02:44 PM

DG

“ Prayers to the Joyce Kindschuh family and friends of her passing who had enjoyed many accomplishments in life along with Polka dancing with her friend, Harvey with their favorite Bands Don Peachey, Romy Goez, The Kingsmen, and Jerry Voelker now they are dancing in heaven along with some of their Bands and friends that went before her to save a dance for Joyce. Always remember the fond memories during this time and always for strength...Joyce will always be remembered but never forgotten all those that knew her being involved in 4H and other organizations...With sympathy and prayers David and Donna Gudex-Kamrath

David and Donna Gudex-Kamrath - April 02 at 02:04 PM

AG

“ Wendel Mincy, I very fondly remember you and your mother attending Sabbath services in Appleton. The obituary describes your father's second wife as a very special woman, too. My sincere condolences to you and your siblings.

Ann Galle - April 02 at 09:32 AM

KJ

“ I have wonderful memories of being neighbors with the Kindschuh family for my entire childhood and I love that "Mrs. Kindschuh" was able to stay at RR#1 Brownsville for the duration! What a wonderful life she lived; I pray for peace for her family.
Kay Marie (Binney) Janssen

Kay Marie (Binney) Janssen - April 02 at 08:59 AM

TB

“ Joyce was such a pillar of the UMC when we moved to Oakfield. I never made a torte until learning from Joyce. Always enjoyed her and Harvey.

Tamie and Chuck Bennett - April 01 at 03:39 PM

MP

“ *Michael Perry lit a candle in memory of Joyce Kindschuh*



Michael Perry - April 01 at 11:28 AM

DP

“ *Debra Parduhn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Kindschuh*



Debra Parduhn - April 01 at 11:24 AM