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Belle Sundbom

November 21, 1946 — December 9, 2022

Duluth

Our dear mother, Belle Sundbom, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, December 9.

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love.

Over the years she worked at the former Paulson's Grocery Store, Glass Block and Advanstar Communications, making lasting memories and friendships along the way.

However, the full-time job she worked at for over 55 years was that of being a mother to her fortunate children and grandchildren. Always giving more than she could ever receive.

She never missed an opportunity to be there for those she loved. To know Belle was to love her. The only problem was trying to find a way to feel worthy of her selfless consideration for others.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Alsace and Albert Provinske, brothers Joe Provinske and Blaine Provinske, brother in law Joel Labovitz and sister in law Janelle Provinske.

She is survived by her adoring husband of 55 years, Roy Sundbom and children: Troy (Robin) Sundbom, Tammy Sundbom, Chris (Jill) Sundbom. She also survived by the lights of her life, her many grandchildren: Taylor Sundbom, Trent Sundbom, Thomas Dougherty, Francesca Otterson Sundbom, Trinity Sundbom, Mason Sundbom, Fenix Otterson Sundbom, Enzo Otterson Sundbom, and, in addition, she leaves behind her sister Sharon Labovitz and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Mom lived her life by a philosophy: how you treat other people is your religion.

Her amazing friendships were the kind most people only read about in books, or see in movies. From the Belair Club, Whiskey Wednesday Girls, Sea Hags, Red Hats and Mickey Club to the Old Bats and Balls Crew, she lived her life with such generosity of spirit people always wanted to be around her. Whether it was hosting parties at her home, sharing her quick wit and smile or the many adventures with friends over the years, mom truly lived

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Special thank you to our mother's hospice nurse Karen, for her attentive and compassionate care. You helped her and our family through the most difficult time of our lives. We are eternally grateful.

Our mother's final wishes for her family and friends: "You can shed tears because I am gone or you can smile because I lived. You can close your eyes and pray I'll come back or open them and see all that is left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see me, or you can be full of the love we shared. You can remember only that I am gone or you can cherish my memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty or you can do what I want. Smile and be happy." Mom

She is greatly missed and loved by all whose life she touched. If you wish to pay your respects, please join us as we honor her life. Visitation will take place Friday, December 16 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Dougherty Funeral Home, Duluth . A Celebration of her amazing life will be held on Saturday, December 17 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club Event Center, 4895 Midway Rd., Duluth, MN, with a Social Hour from 1:00 – 2:00 pm followed by a Celebration Ceremony beginning at 2:00 pm. Sign the online register book at www.dfhduluth.com. Arrangements by, Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E 2nd St., Duluth, MN, (218) 727-3555.



To send flowers to the family in memory of Belle Sundbom, please visit our [flower store](#).

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Past Services

Visitation

-  Friday, December 16, 2022
3:00 - 5:00pm (Central time)
-  Dougherty Funeral Home
600 E 2nd St, Duluth, MN 55805

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Social Hour

-  Saturday, December 17, 2022
1:00 - 2:00pm (Central time)
-  Pike Lake Golf & Beach
4895 Midway Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

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Celebration of Life

-  Saturday, December 17, 2022
2:00 - 4:00pm (Central time)
-  Pike Lake Golf & Beach
4895 Midway Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

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Guestbook

Leave a message to share your favorite memories and offer words of sympathy...

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From our adventures in Vegas, New York City, Field of Dreams, our cruises, New Years Eve dinners at Black Bear, weekends in Hinckley, Thursday night ball, the Halloween parties, our summer OBOB parties, so many 4th of Julys....the list goes on and on. We have a lifetime of wonderful memories. We will miss you terribly.

RODNEY AND KAREN

Dec 18, 2022

So very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Belle for many years. She will be missed.

KIM HILEMAN

Dec 16, 2022



Roy, Sincere sympathy in the loss of Belle.

May the memories you have of her bring you comfort & peace.

CATHY STROM

Dec 17, 2022

Todd & Megan has purchased Blooming Sympathy Garden for Belle Sundbom

TODD & MEGAN

Dec 16, 2022

Api Group Family has purchased Blossoming Heart for Belle Sundbom

API GROUP FAMILY

Dec 14, 2022



Jen Millikin & Tina McInerney has purchased Peace Lily for Belle Sundbom

JEN MILLIKIN & TINA MCINERNEY

Dec 16, 2022

Dear Sundbom family, We were so sorry to see that Belle had gone. We knew she was hanging on before we left but she is no longer suffering.

Our best wishes are with you and know she will be missed.

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Lillies Basket for Belle
Sundbom

RUSS AND TRISH BECKER

Dec 14, 2022

Our deepest sympathy at this time, our thoughts are with you all.

LISA, LARRY DUNAISKI

Dec 13, 2022

Belle was such a sweet person and will be greatly missed.

DIANE SPICER

Dec 13, 2022

Roy and family it is hard to put in words how we feel about the loss of our close friend. Wonderful memories of our Thursday night OBOB get togethers, road trip adventures, and house and garage visits. Hugs and prayers! I'm sorry we are so far away in Texas. We will be there with you in our hearts!
Love,
Mike and Kathy Mallory

KATHY MALLORY

Dec 13, 2022

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