



## Joanna F. Hying

March 18, 1927 - February 26, 2025

Mineral Point – Joanna Fecht Hying, age 97, of Mineral Point, passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

She was born on March 18, 1927, in Highland, Wisconsin, the youngest of six children born to Harry and Katherine (Munz) Fecht. At 5 and 14 years old, Joanna lost her father and mother, respectively, and was cared for by her older sister Magdalene. She graduated from Highland High School in 1944, where she was active in band and as a cheerleader. Upon graduating, she began a fulfilling career as a teller and bookkeeper at the Highland State Bank.

It was love at first sight when Joanna met Cletus Hying at a dance in Highland. The two married on August 16, 1949, and started their new life together in Boscobel, eventually making Mineral Point their home for the next 60 years. Joanna devoted herself to raising 7 children, instilling in them an appreciation for music, baking (especially her famous ginger cookies!), and hand-sewn items. Joanna gave back to her community—from making egg salad for the blood bank to volunteering at the Hodan and Mineral Point Care Centers.

She was a member of St. Mary's & St. Paul's Catholic church for many years. Although her contributions to religious education, assisting with funeral lunches, and supporting pasty sales were deeply appreciated, Joanna will

most fondly be remembered for her 42 years of dedication as the church organist. Her greatest love besides Cletus, church, and family was travel. She would go where the car (or plane or train!) would go, enjoying trips throughout Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and across the U.S.

Joanna is survived by 7 children: David Hying, York, NE; Mark (Cathy) Hying, Minneapolis, MN, Paul (Diana) Hying, Green Bay, WI; Harry (Laurie) Hying, Dodgeville, WI; Anne (Endre) Bakken, Colorado Springs, CO; Mary (Paul) Killian, Green Bay, WI; Ruth (Craig) Douthitt, Green Bay, WI. She was adored by 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and niece Sarah Williams Dittmer.

She is preceded in death by her husband Cletus Hying, her parents, sisters Magdalene Williams, Sr. Marina (Rita) Fecht, Coletta Doescher, brothers Arthur and Fred Fecht, daughter-in-law Karen Hying, granddaughter Caitlyn Hauser, and other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point, concelebrating are Bishop Donald J. Hying, Father Tafadzwa Kushamba, Father Michael Tarigopula and Father Michael E. Moon. Burial will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to a charity of your choice appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street  
Mineral Point, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church  
224 Davis Street  
Mineral Point, WI 53565

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“*Joanna was a lovely lady - always kind, and she could play a mean organ! I new Joanna from all the years my mother was in the church choir, and then later myself. It was always a joy to see her and talk with her - she always had a smile on her face! My condolences to her family. Mara (nee Barrette) Jensen*



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**Mara Jensen** - January 28 at 09:03 PM

JM

“*I will miss Joann! What a delightful and loving lady. I enjoyed all of our chats at the many gatherings at Harry and Laurie's house and the picnic at the park in Prairie du Chien park. She was a beautiful person who took such pride in her family and had a strong relationship with God!! I know you are at peace along side Cletus now! Thank you for all your prayers, love Jane Marking*

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**Jane Marking** - March 04, 2025 at 08:47 AM

JG

“*I feel honored to have known Joanna. As I was contemplating a move to Stonefield, she invited me to visit her apartment; this helped me solidify my decision. Joanna had an insatiable curiosity. Knowing that I loved research, she would ask me to take out my "google-machine," as she called it, and then she asked question after question; we learned so much as a result. Joanna is missed!*

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**Jodean Grunow** - March 02, 2025 at 10:44 AM

KM

“ Katherine M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanna F. Hying.

Katherine M. - March 01, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RM

“ My sympathy in the passing of Joanna, a grand lady, I enjoyed Catholic Daughters meetings and playing cards with her there, her beautiful organ music all the years at church, Cletus was our first insurance agent when Dick /I married. A great couple. Keep your precious memories of them both to help you heal in your loss.  
Rosalie May

Rosalie May - February 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JB

“ I remember Joanna for her love of music, her faithful Chihuahuas, and her open invitation to play the piano in the house for her and Clete whenever I was in the neighborhood. Her smile was always close at hand and love generously shared. May you find peace In the memories of your Mom. Janet & Stan

Janet Blanco - February 28, 2025 at 12:21 AM