



M. Joan Hermann

June 5, 1941 - August 31, 2020

Joan Hermann, 79, passed away on Monday, August 31, 2020. Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Isabelle (Hopkins) Parent. She was a graduate of New Haven High School where she enjoyed cheerleading & drama. She married her high school sweetheart, Dale, and lived a blessed life together in New Haven for 61 years. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, where she & Dale taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and surrounded themselves with faithful friends for life. She was a strong supporter of Compassion International and participated actively in Bible Study groups such as Bethel, BSF, and countless small group studies.

Joan so loved her family and friends. A lifelong partner to Dale, together they built a beautiful marriage carrying them on a joyous and committed ride through life's highs & lows. She loved her four children beyond measure and set a shining example for them in all respects. They were blessed to have a mom who welcomed and loved on all their friends. Her time with her grandchildren was precious & filled with unforgettable fun like building the "cool cousins playhouse" each summer or leading them in the "Fast Dance" or singing her favorite "Zip-A-Dee-Doo Dah" and "I Feel Pretty" songs as well as a multitude of other festive activities. Joan treasured her time with friends. Whether hosting card parties with her bridge group or New Year's Eve gatherings with infamous "white elephant" exchanges, all looked forward to their get-togethers.

Joan loved life and found joy and meaning in all she did. She lived each day to the fullest and found ways to do it all. Whether it was taking care of 10,000 chickens on the family farm, coordinating our crazy, disorganized household or managing and building the office & IT structure for her brother's Fort Wayne Ophthalmology practice for over 25 years – it was always done well with passion and love.

Sadly, due to Alzheimer's, we have not seen the real Joan in recent years. Happily, we have a lifetime of memories of her to bring us joy along with the comfort of knowing she is now with our Father in Heaven...helping Him organize festivities for a future reunion with us all!

She is survived by her husband Dale; children, Chadd, Conn (Connie), and Curt (Lylian) Hermann, and Kristen (Ray) Mendenhall; siblings, Dr. Rex (Connie) Parent and Jill (Jay) Howell; grandchildren, Andrew (Laila), Lyndsey (Matt) Stein, Megan, Kendall, Amanda, Alexandra, Isabelle, and Abygail Hermann. Jake, Luke (Kory), Kate, and Mitchell Mendenhall; and great grandchildren, Ella and Ady Stein. She is also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Heather Hermann, and her sister and brother-in-law Beth (Tom) Bohlsen.

Memorial graveside service is 12 p.m. September 12, 2020 at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne with visitation two hours prior to service. Rev. Paul Shoemaker officiating. Masks requested. Burial in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers preferred memorial to Emanuel Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Association <http://act.alz.org/goto/JoanHermannMemorials>. Arrangements by Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. For online condolences, please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

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SEP **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 12:30PM

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Comments



“ I don't even know where to begin to convey what Joan meant to me. She and Dale took me in when my family was far away. They were my safe place to land in a town where I knew almost no one at first. They taught me to be kind, laugh a lot, and how to tease with kindness. How to cook (Matt thanks you), and to find the fun in the little things. Any hat could be a party hat to Joan. And a plastic tub could be a fun place to watch tv. She loved to remind me to be kind to everyone, because no matter how normal we think we are, we're all a little "kooky" in some way. And Dale, you've been such an example of how to care for someone: in sickness and health, for richer for poorer, in the good times and bad. You're such an inspiration! Above all, Joan taught me how to totally and completely love the Lord. Though we are sad and miss her smile, we are so happy for her. She's in the bliss of heaven and soaking it all up. See you there, Joan! Well done, good and faithful servant!

Cathy Werling - September 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Joan was a kind, giving, caring, fun loving, energetic, and most important a Christian. What I remember the most was Joan always gave me good advice. She was such a good role model. Also, Joan would always greet us with open arms when we would visit. She was usually in the kitchen, preparing a meal. The meals in the summer were from Dale's garden, fresh tomatoes, corn on the cob, fresh garden lettuce, meat, and dessert. She was an excellent cook with a little help from Farmer Dale. I will miss her, but I know she is in a better place, as she is in the arms of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!
Connie Parent

Connie Parent - September 11, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ Your beautiful lady gave me a big, warm hug at the last class reunion. I am class of 1959.
Prayers to you and your family. Pat (Lantz) Painter

Pat (Lantz) Painter - September 08, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Joan-

We celebrate with you as you are released from this world to the Glory that you've known has been waiting for you your whole life!

We are far richer for having known you. Our Bible Studies were a source of strength in daily living and faith. The way you could handle 20 things going on at once was incredible. Your welcoming nature and love of everyone made us feel special AND we still hold you up as our ROLE MODEL for outreach to all. Thank you for that.

To Dale and her precious family-

IT was no secret to anyone how fiercely she loved each and everyone one of you husband, sons and daughter, brother and sisters, son in law and daughters in law and grandchildren. She talked of each of you with a gleam in her eye always. You all gave her so many reasons to be proud. What a tremendous legacy she leaves here on Earth with each of you as you continue on without her. Peace to you all.

And to Dale....we can't think of two people who complimented each other as you and Joan did. We always joked you were #1 at BFG but there was NEVER any doubt who your #1 was and always will be. It will be hard to say your name without Joan's right behind it.

We love you Dale.

Marilyn and Bob Stemmler

(Thanks for allowing us to remember Joan with that beautiful photo.)

Bob & Marilyn Stemmler - September 07, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ I have kept a letter Joan wrote to me in 1976 when my mother passed away. It was so warm and loving and comforting. That was Joan, always reaching out to others. To Dale and family, my prayers are with you.

Mary Harkenrider

Mary Harkenrider - September 06, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Just thinking of Joan makes me smile, she was so full of joy. Hugs to each of you. I loved this dear lady

Georgeanna Spriggs (cousin)

georgeanna spriggs - September 05, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Joan, my life time friend you taught me so much about family and living life to the fullest and how to laugh. God truly used you to shape my life. You came into my life as a 14 year old transplant from Pennsylvania who most certainly did not want to be here in Indiana. But you were the first person that came up to me as a freshman in high school and befriended me. And the legacy began. We double dated as we picked out upper classmates to date and then married our high school sweethearts. Then we along with Ed and Ann Hermann as our life time friends as well raised our children together going on family vacations together and lake times at Lake Wawasee that as we look back was hilarious. Amazing we all survived each other. Then there were the crazy funny Parent and Hermann families that added hilarious amusement to our lives and the lives of our children.

As; you can tell by the photo of Joan she brought true life into each and every situation that she was in. In high school Joan was in the drama club who put on yearly plays for the community. And so many came because of Joan's performances that left you in stitches laughing. It didn't matter what role she played, she made it even better and funnier.

Here is my tribute to who Joan was a person who loved all people with God's Love. She wrote the lyrics and music for the closing program at our VBS program for children and their parents and friends at Emanuel Lutheran Church, in New Haven, IN that is so appropriate and needed for our world today:

Here is her song:

"Have you loved somebody today!
Has God's Love shown through you some way.
God loves me; I love you, the whole world needs love too.
Have you loved somebody today!"

Love you Joan forever. Til we meet again and laugh for Eternity.

Betsy Stone Fritcha

Betsy Stone Fritcha - September 05, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I remember Nana always had gum for me whenever we went on road trips to the Lake or to Chucky Cheese with all the rest of the cousins.

Mitch Mendenhall - September 04, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Lana and Lenny Levine purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of M. Joan Hermann.



Lana and Lenny Levine - September 04, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ We live next door to Joan and Dale for several years. Joan was a kind, friendly and loving neighbor. We are blessed to have known her.

Richard Hall - September 04, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ I remember Joan and mom having the “discussion “at the back door about her needing to wear her saddle shoes to school not her black flats and hose. The 3 sisters shared a bedroom and one night Joan sat up in bed saying, I don't know why Beth gets to stay out so late!!(Beth was 4 years older). Rex and I did our kid stuff while Beth and Joan were in high school growing up

jill howell - September 04, 2020 at 02:28 PM