



Joann K. Olson

April 1, 1942 - August 2, 2022

Joann K. Olson was born April 17, 1942, to Margaret Ina May Allot and Harry Olson in Des Moines, Iowa. She passed away August 2, 2022, in Ankeny, Iowa.

Joann Olson M.A., A.R.N.P., C.P.N.P., C.N.E., D.Ed.

Joann worked as a nurse for 35 years starting with Mercy Hospital. Eventually, her passion and love for learning and nursing led her into teaching of Nursing for Mercy College. She was an instructor of Pediatrics and Community Medicine. Joann was dedicated to her profession, keeping her license even after retiring. She thrived on helping others by answering questions, helping people understand their medications, doing blood pressure checks, and serving as a Parish Nurse for St. Anne's by the Fields Episcopal Church in Ankeny, where she was a member and served in several ministries there.

When Joann was not teaching, she was very involved with family and community volunteer work. In the community she was able to share her love of nursing and sewing. Joann helped many younger people with costumes for musicals, plays, and madrigal dinners. She was even known to help out a bride or two with dress repair under tight schedules.

Joann was an active member of Ankeny Area Quilters Ankeny Guild, American Sewing Guild, Polk City Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She did

volunteer service for Love Lunches and served as a Stephen Minister.

Joann was an avid traveler when time allowed. She had traveled to almost all 48 contiguous states and Alaska twice. She had traveled overseas to Rome, Germany, Switzerland, France, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Ireland.

She is survived by her sons, Anthony Nizzi of West Palm Beach, FL, Christopher and his wife, Gwen Nizzi of Johnson Creek, WI; grandchildren, Jessica, Aaron, Zachary and Giovanna Bednarski all of Janesville, WI.; Stephani Nizzi of St. Louis and Victoria Nizzi of Neenah, WI., and her many friends.

A visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 5pm to 7 pm. A Memorial Service will be 10:30AM, Friday, August 26, 2022, at the St. Anne's Episcopal Church 2110 W. 1st Street, Ankeny, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to the church in loving memory of, Joann.

All floral deliveries may be made to the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Anne's Episcopal Church
2110 W. 1st Street
Ankeny, IA 50023

Memorial Service

AUG **26** (CT)

St Anne's Episcopal Church
2110 W. 1st Street
Ankeny, IA 50023

Tribute Wall

MH

“ We could always count on Joann at St. Anne's. She quietly did so much for so many! She truly lived her faith and was a role model for us all. She will be greatly missed. Steve & Mary Hanson

Mary Hanson - August 27, 2022 at 08:39 PM

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“ Joann was most happy when she was doing for others. She was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed.
Mary Ann Long

Mary Ann Long - August 25, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joann K. Olson.



August 25, 2022 at 09:15 AM

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“ Celebrating a life well lived. She spent her life giving to others, both personally and professionally. I am thankful for her loyal friendship and the opportunity to travel the world with her. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Patricia A Taylor - August 25, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joann K. Olson.



August 23, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joann K. Olson.



August 22, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *Joann was one of the lovely givers in this world. You could always count on her to do more than her part to help make any occasion special. I have a fond memory of an Oak Park Elementary School women's luncheon when she offered to research and bring 1950s food to share. She was in the middle of a busy project, yet she pushed herself to do this. I will miss her kindness.*



Marilynn Grant Wadden - August 22, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *I was blessed to get to know Joann as a colleague at Mercy College. She was a dedicated nurse educator. Her legacy will continue in all of her former students.*

Marti Doyle - August 09, 2022 at 07:25 PM

KC

“*Joann was a dear friend for many years starting when we were freshman students at Mercy. When newly married we spent many an evening playing cards. In more recent years we made a trip to visit another classmate in WY and many lunches when I would make it back to Iowa!! She will be missed.*

Kathy Campbell - August 07, 2022 at 02:15 PM