



Phyllis Joan Ward

March 11, 1937 - January 23, 2022

Phyllis Joan Ward
Ankeny, Iowa

Phyllis Joan Ward, 84, was born March 11, 1937, to Ruby (Kelly) and Russell Price in Boone, Iowa. She passed away peacefully January 23, 2022, at the Sunny View Care Center in Ankeny, Iowa.

Joan loved to see young children and babies; they always gave her a smile. She enjoyed spending time with her sisters, trips to Las Vegas and listening to Elvis.

She is survived by her children, Randy (Sue) Garvey, Kenni Jo Ghee, Michael (Kimberly) Ward; 9 grandchildren: Ben (Courtney) Ghee, Nathan (Vinitza) Garvey, Nicci Ghee, Holly Garvey, Jed Garvey, Scott (Stacey) Garvey, Dillon Ghee, Glenn Ward, and Gregory Ward; 8 great grandchildren; her sister, Jeannie Lane; brother, Robert Price; and many nieces and nephews. Joan was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Greg; her significant other, Ken Wolfe; six sisters and one brother.

A Celebration of her Life will be at 10 AM, Thursday, January 27, 2022, at All Saints Catholic Church, 650 NE 52nd Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation will be 4PM – 6PM Wednesday, January 26, 2022, followed by a prayer service at 6PM at the church. Burial will be 1:30 PM at the Glenwood Cemetery in Ogden, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to the Sunny View Activities Department, 410 NW

Ash Drive, Ankeny, Iowa 50023, in appreciation for all the loving care that was given to Mom over the years.

Online condolences may be made at DyiamondMemorial.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
650 NE 52nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Prayer Service

JAN 26. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
650 NE 52nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

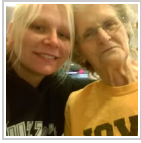
All Saints Catholic Church
650 NE 52nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Burial

JAN 27. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glenwood Cemetery
Ogden, IA 50212

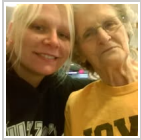
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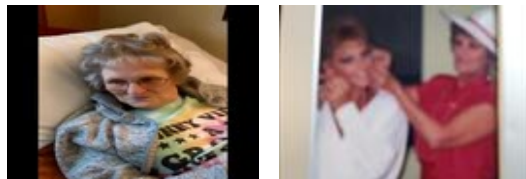
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Nicci Ghee - January 26, 2022 at 06:25 PM



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Nicci Ghee - January 26, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Joan's loved ones. I had just started at the Iowa Dept of Public Health accounting department and she and Donna Feters took me under their wings. I can still hear their laughter and smile when I remember their wonderful humor. Such a delight to work with! May all your good memories be of comfort now and in the days to come.*



LuAnn Folkers - January 26, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Ward.*



January 26, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Ward.*



January 26, 2022 at 12:42 PM



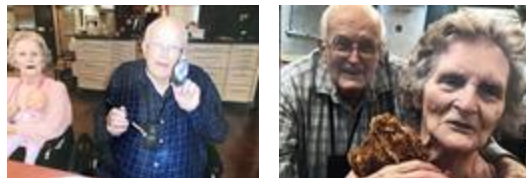
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Ward.*



January 26, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Joan with Ken Wolfe*



LuAnn Wolfe Cheevers - January 25, 2022 at 12:14 PM

KW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom/Grandma! Joan played bridge with my mom Dee Day for years with the bridge ladies from Ankeny. May you all cherish the memories you had with her. Our thoughts are with you! Kathy and Denny Williamson

Kathy Day Williamson - January 25, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Joan Ward.



January 25, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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LSmith - January 25, 2022 at 12:05 AM

MN

What delightful pictures! There's that joyful smile that brightened our yesterdays!

Marty Nystrom - January 26, 2022 at 10:38 AM

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Kim Smith - January 24, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MN

Thank you for sharing these. I am so glad to see Mom and Aunt Jokey laughing together here. What joys!

Marty Nystrom - January 26, 2022 at 10:39 AM

“Whenever Mom visits Aunt Jokey at Sunnyview, the sisters share joy in Mom’s sparkly jewelry. These tender moments are monuments to sisterhood; the warm, joyful Congregation of Aunts who imprinted their lives into mine.

Aunt Jokey’s Sunnyview years resemble her younger life in only one way - her laughter. That music, which buoyed every Christmas and birthday, testifies to her overcoming joy. Having lost her dear son Greg as a teenager, she learned to exchange her heartache for exuberant love and affirmation.

When she moved into Sunnyview, I wrote her this letter. I share it with you in tribute to her life, and in anticipation of the joy, peace, and reunion that await her now.

“Dear Aunt Jokey:

I’ve been thinking of your laughter, and how much I miss it at Christmas time. Those wonderful, crowded Christmas Eves where we would tear into presents, gorge ourselves on that wonderful sugary-peanut-butter-chocolate-drop cookie you make. I remember cold, crowded drives to Boone for Christmas Eve, Elvis on the radio, and you knew every word.

I turned 46 this week. And as I reflect on my life, and try to help my kids build their lives, I’m grateful for how you loved and encouraged me, for your sustaining, joyful friendship with Mom. I want you to know that your presence was an anchor for me, it kept me safe and loyal to those who loved me, and I thank you for it.

How do you like your new place? Are you getting many visitors? I hope it’s full of peace, and that your wonderful laughter is bringing joy to new friends.

Love, Marty”



Marty Nystrom - January 24, 2022 at 08:55 PM

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Marty Nystrom - January 24, 2022 at 08:53 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album 2004 Price Family reunion*



Marty Nystrom - January 24, 2022 at 08:50 PM