



Geraldine "Gerry Jo" Jo (Murphy) Starns

November 14, 1950 - March 29, 2013

Geraldine Jo "Gerry Jo" Murphy Starns, age 62, of Albia, passed away Friday, March 29, 2013, at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Gerry Jo was born November 14, 1950, in Albia, to Edward J. and Geraldine "Gerry" (Mitchell) Murphy. She grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating from Albia High School, class of 1969.

Gerry Jo worked at the Monroe County Hospital as a CNA for many years, where she thoroughly enjoyed taking care of the patients. She was a very kind, loving, and generous person who would do anything to help others. She thoroughly enjoyed going to garage sales. Gerry Jo's favorite thing was spending time with and taking care of her nieces and nephews, and later her great nieces and nephews.

Gerry Jo is survived by two sisters, Judy (Doug) Alexander of Fairfield and Susan (Alan) Ammons of Albia; a brother, Edward J. (Sue) Murphy of Albia; and eight nephews and three nieces, Scott (Stacy), Jason (Amber), Molly, Ryan, and Nate Ammons; Jeff (Tonia), Chris, and Matt (Lindsey) Alexander; Michelle (Doug) Weldon, Mike (Carrie) Gray, and Monica (Richard) Tharp. Gerry Jo is also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

Gerry Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Edward J. and Gerry Murphy.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Gerry Jo's family present throughout the day and evening. A Christian Wake Service will begin at 6 p.m., Monday evening at the funeral home.

An open memorial has been established.

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine "Gerry Jo" Jo (Murphy) Starns*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Geraldine "Gerry Jo" Jo (Murphy) Starns*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Gerry Jo and I worked together at the old hospital in the early 70s. She was a good aide, but even more she was a good friend and a lot of fun. It's been forty years since I saw her last, but her memories are still fresh in my heart.*

Kraig Scott - Greenville, SC - Friend - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Judy and family. Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Evie (Plum) Jones - Knoxville, IA - School mate - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Judy, Sue & Ed....I am so sorry for your loss. Gerry Jo was a wonderful person....so caring and compassionate and blessed with a wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time in your lives.*

Karen Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Friend - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Judy, Sue, and Ed;
Gerry Jo and my sister Sue were friends when I was a little kid, so I knew her for a very long time. She used to make me laugh all the time because she was so bubbly and funny. She used to tell me how cute I was which was very embarrassing when you were a couple of years younger than those girls. I am so sorry for your loss, and I hope you only remember the good times you had with Gerry Jo. Jack Scieszinski*

Jack Scieszinski - Albia, IA - Friend - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sue and family, Thinking about you during this difficult time know that Gerri Jo is at peace and with your folks. God will give you strength to get thru this and remember all the good times you have had as a family.*

Marilyn Larson - Albia, IA - friend - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Dear Murphy Family*

We had so many great memories growing up together. And Gerry Jo was right there in the middle of them all. She took care of all of us. Right after mom died I called Gerry Jo to talk. My grandson asked me who I was talking to and I automatically said "Aunt Gerry Jo". I went to correct myself and she said - Aunt Gerry Jo is who I am - put him on the phone.

That is who she was - Aunt Gerry Jo who took care of all of us - just that reassurance that we are still family and will always take care of each other. Know that Michele, Evelyn and I are here to take care of you.

Love Vicki

Vicki Wheatcraft - Colfax, IA - 1st cousin - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family during this Time. May God Speed and Bless her Soul during the Journey.. Andy & Mary Rose Simmons

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Family Friend - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Worked with Gerry Jo at MCH and will remember her laugh always. She could put a smile on anyone's face. She will be missed . My prayers and heart go out to her family.

Cindy Grimes - Albia, IA - friend - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gerry Jo was a wonderful person. She use to help babysit Maddy and Zeke and they loved going there. She had a special place in her heart for children and family. She had a wonderful sense of humor and will be missed by so many.

Kim Murphy - Albia, IA - friend - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ed & Family
So sorry for your loss.

Tina Mosbey - Hedrick, IA - Friend - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM