



Jo Ann Spencer

May 30, 1934 - February 18, 2011

Jo Ann Spencer, age 76, passed away Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Jo Ann was born May 30, 1934 to Willard and Josephine (Morse) Curtis in Osage, Iowa. Jo Ann graduated from Ottumwa High School, and later received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Ottumwa. Jo Ann worked as an Industrial Nurse for companies including John Morrell, Everco, and Chamberlain.

On October 30, 1955 Jo Ann married Richard "Dick" Spencer at the Christian Church in Ottumwa. They were blessed with fifty -five years of marriage and two sons, Richard and Ron.

Jo Ann was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, and a past Sunday School Teacher. Jo Ann served on the State Nursing Board, and on the board of trustees for Indian Hills Community College for nursing. She enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, and canning. Jo Ann loved animals, and spending time with her family and friends.

Jo Ann is survived by her husband, Dick Spencer of Albia; her children, Dr. Richard Bruce Spencer and his wife Laurie, of Osceola, and Ron Spencer and his wife Sandy of Albia; five grandchildren, John (Emily) Spencer of Albia, Stacy (Tim) Haas of Albia, Catherine (Zach) Reinhart of Lawrence, KS, Amy Spencer of Ames, Richard Dean Spencer of Ankeny. Jo Ann is also survived by one sister, Billie Jean (Hubert) Gullett of Ottumwa; a sister-in-law, Sharon Curtis of Ottumwa; and several nieces and nephews

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Josephine; and a brother Will Curtis.

A memorial has been established to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ann Spencer*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Jo Ann Spencer*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Ron, Sandy & Family. So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this Time. May God Speed and May God Bless her Soul. She will be Missed.*

Andy Simmons - February 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *At times like this I'm glad my Mom made me look at the cup being way over half full. Upon reading the Sunday paper I was taken back to Dick and JoAnn's annual Homecoming Float Building Event. Not only did they invite 145 h.s. students into their home but by showing us they cared, listened to our ideas on absolutely everything, and spent time with their sons' peer groups they forever endured themselves to everyone for being the outstanding people that they are. This was something that we all looked forward to and they never ever let us down and now as a parent I understand just how priceless their help and support really truly was. To Dick Sr., Dick and Laurie, Ron and Sandy I wish you all solace from the Class of 75 and celebration from perspective of the life of such a great lady and a life very well lived. Godspeed JoAnn and thank you.*

Jim Schleier, Class of 1975

Jim Schleier, Class of 75 - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dick, Dr. Dick, Laurie, Ron, Sandy & families:
We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will miss Jo Ann for so many reasons but she was for us the glue that held a number of "groups" together...
Jan in Texas, Howard & Lois in Altoona, and us in Marion. She always knew what everyone was up to and you could call her for the update.
She loved her family dearly and we hope that love will help you through this.

John & Liz Sauer - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dick and family - so sorry for your loss. JoAnn was a good friend, and will truly be missed.

Bev Hart - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dick and Family. We are sorry to hear of JoAnn's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Karol (Kudrna) and Reggie Crumes

Karol and Reggie Crumes - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dick and family, So sorry to hear about Joann. We are in Texas so we will be unable to make her funeral but our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We hope to see you at the next Pence reunion.

Linda and Wayne Current - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Dick, We are so sorry to hear of Joann's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are thankful for all the good memories we have of Joann.

Glen & Joy Oswald - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ We are sorry about JoAnn. She was a great lady and will missed by all. We are thinking about you and your family at this time. G4

Gene and Helen Kline - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ John I'm sorry to hear about your grandmother. She was a nice lady. I know you will miss her. I'm thinking of you and your folks.

Steve Kline - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ We are saddened to hear of JoAnns death. What a great loss this is. I enjoyed the times that I got to spend with her and Dick. She was good to share stories of her love for her family, her garden and her cats. JoAnn has touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

Glenda Flaherty - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Hi Dick, this is Lisa, Carl and Ernestine Pence's granddaughter. I am very sorry to hear about Jo Ann's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Givens - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We were very shocked to hear of Jo Ann passing away. We will always remember her as a very good friend and great neighbor. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Dick and all of the family.

MAX COX - February 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM