



Josephine "Joann" Derby

November 4, 1936 - February 14, 2015

Josephine Ann "Joann" (Flahive) Derby, age 78 of Atlantic, formerly of Albia, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015, at Exira Care Center in Exira.

Joann was born on November 4, 1936, in Weller, Iowa to Bill and Mary Ann (Bingaman) Flahive. She attended school in Lovilia, Iowa and graduated from Lovilia High School in 1954. On January 12, 1957, she was married to Samuel L. Derby, who survives her. Joann and Sam lived in Albia, Iowa, and moved to Des Moines in 1968. Joann retired from National Traveler's Life Insurance in 2001. After retirement, they moved to Atlantic, Iowa.

Joann always said that her greatest achievement was raising four great kids. She loved her family and was known by all for her chocolate chip cookies and no bake cookies. Joann was a life-long Democrat and was passionate about John and Jackie Kennedy. She enjoyed reading books and newspapers and watching the Sound of Music. She had a canasta club in Albia and loved to dance.

Joann is survived by her husband, Sam; her children, Rick (Barb) Derby, Randy (Bev) Derby, Sandy (Jerry) Olson, and Shelly (Rod) Clausen; nine grandchildren, Jacob, Luke (Alex), Jason (Megan), Megan (Josh), Valerie (Justin), Logan, Jared, Monica, and Laura; and two great-grandchildren, Conner and Joey Ann. She is also survived by six sisters, Mary Theresa

Grimes, Marge (Edward) Martin, Geraldine Grimes, Florence (Donald) Welch, Catherine (Jack) Thomas, and Delores Littlejohn; and a brother, James (Diane) Flahive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Mary Flahive; two sisters, Madeline Stanley and Bernice Flattery; and three brothers, Ed, Bill, and John Flahive.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Joann's family present throughout the day and evening. A 4:00 p.m. rosary will be led by the Altar and Rosary society and a wake service will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Exira Care Center at 409 South Carthage Exira, Iowa 50076.

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine "Joann" Derby*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Hello! Sending my prayers and condolences to you all. My mother Flornce sends her love, just dropped her off at her hair apt. After taking her husband to his heart doctor. Blessings...*

Wolf McCauley - Winterset, IA - Nephew - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Sam and Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

Bernard Judge - California City, CA - Family Friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have many memories of Joann working together at National Travelers Life in Des Moines. She was always cheerful and we enjoyed visiting at lunch and on special occasions. My sympathy to Sam and the family. God be with you all and give you peace. My husband, Larry, joins me in thoughts and prayers for you all. Pat*

Pat Davis - Des Moines, IA - worked with her at NTL - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Missy Oxford - Des Moines, IA - friend of Randy - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I enjoyed Joann's friendship. I worked with her at National Travelers Life.
She was always fun to visit with and we shared many laughs. Very nice lady and very proud of her family.

*My sincere condolences,
With sympathy,
Esther Ritchie*

esther ritchie - Urbandale, IA - friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I will miss you Joann. Dave and I are sending out thoughts and prayers to all the Derbys. I have known Joann for many years. Not only is she my brothers mother-in-law, she also helped me get my first full time job at National Travelers Life many, many years ago. She was kind, funny and a very sweet lady. You will be missed very much Joann. Prayers to you all. Renee

Renee (Clausen) Nestvedt - Des Moines, IA - Family Friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ So sorry to hear about Joann. We are in Texas till spring, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike & Connie Perry - Des Moines, IA - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. May the GOD who gives peace grant you peace at this time. 2nd Thessalonias 3 : 16. Diane.

A friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To all my cousins and Uncle Sam. There are no words adequate to show my sorrow for your loss as well as the entire Flahive family....I believe God Has Aunt Joann with Him now. As I think about her loss from us I can only imagine the party that's going on in Heaven with all of her brothers,sisters and parents who have been waiting patiently for all the Flahive's to get home again. What a celebration it must be !!!! As Aunt Madeline would have said....God Love It !!! Here's our JoAnn !!!!! God's peace and open arms to all of you..love Joellen

JoAnn Derby - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ May you rest in peace my sweet Aunt. You were always so fun. I will always remember your laugh and all the fun Mom and Dad had with you. We loved you very much and will miss you. Our most sincere sympathy to Sam, Rick, Sandy, Randy, Shelly, their spouses, Grandchildren, your brother, Jimmy, your sisters and the rest of your family and friends. May God give us all strength through this time and the ability to remember all the good times we had with you. Love you all dearly. Bev, Scott, Andrew, Emily Selby and Jennifer Westrom-Crabtree

Beverly Selby - Colorado Springs, CO - niece - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Aunt Joann will always be remembered with love. I always looked forward to her and Uncle Sam's visits. She was always fun and up for anything. She will be greatly missed.

Susan Winters - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ My prayers are going out to your family. May the Lord wrap you in His love, surround you with His comfort, and bring to mind many joyful memories of your mother.

Heather Stancil - co-worker of daughter Shelly - February 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM