



Joan Carol Stern

April 8, 1937 - March 19, 2009

Joan Carol Starkweather Stern, age 71, passed peacefully on March 19, 2009. Beloved wife of Joseph Stern Jr., devoted mother of Eric Julie and Bradley Kelly, dear sister of Barbara Ron Osburn and Carolyn the late Robert Dillon, and loving grandmother to Gabrielle and Emma. Joan was an agent at Prudential Cranbrook Realtors, past treasurer of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, former president and treasurer of Birmingham Kiwanis Club, past treasurer of the Salvation Army Royal Oak Women's Auxiliary, and corresponding secretary and board member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice or the Salvation Army Royal Oak Women's Auxiliary. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 18, at the Salvation Army Royal Oak Citadel. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ When the Royal Oak and Birmingham Kiwanis Clubs met together, Joan was always a bright light and a joyful presence. She became a person I looked forward to seeing on each occasion. She also gave a great nickname to a mutual friend of ours that will continue on. So glad to have known her!

John Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Joan lives in my memory as being witty, vivacious, fun and thoughtful of others. When she began her career in Real Estate, my house was the first of many successful sales. She will be missed by the many whose lives have been touched by her presence. MaryEllen

MaryEllen Dohrs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joan and I have been friends since we were 5 years old. We went to sunday school together, as well as high school and she was our maid of honor at our wedding nearly 52 years ago. So it is difficult to pick out one memory, there are so many - lots of laughter, fun and sharing. Her ability to play a piano piece perfectly with just hearing the first two or three notes was outstanding. You will be sorely missed dear friend. Our heartfelt sympathy to Joe and his family as well as Barbara and Carolyn. Love, Joan and Rollie

Joan and Roland Moyneur - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our Aunt Joan was a wonderful woman with many talents, one of which was to make you laugh. We enjoyed her company and her many life story telling experiences. She will be missed but her memories will live on. Our thoughts and prayers are with Uncle Joey, Eric and Brad.

Jeff & Kristi Stern and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Nobody laughed like Aunt Joan. I will always carry her good humor close to my heart. Thanks be to God for the joy that she gave us and for the peace she has now. Much Love,

Katie Crowe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear precious friend: For may years we have shared fun times, jokes business meetings Sal Army giving time \=, talents, laughter and tears--but mostly a strong, bonded friendship of caring for each other, our families, friends and \=causes and persons in need. You are in my heart forever, and your dear sisters have "adopted" me so we can on your memory forever in our hearts. Blessings and love to your dear, devoted family. June

June and Bob McGregor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Joey, I am a friend of Barb, Joan's sister, and I remember your wife from High School. I have very fond memories of her. I was able to visit her the afternoon before she passed away. I was able to pray with her and anoint her. I left a sand dollar with her which has a story of our Lord Jesus Christ, his 5 wounds, the star that led us to him, a poinsettia on one side the easter lily on the other. I am sorry for your lose, but happy for heavens gain. Joan fixed me up for a date when I was 17 and we all went scuba diving first time for me in walnut lake which I just loved and have loved ever since. She had a fabulous white leather HI FI record player which was the envy of us all. I know you will miss her very much and I am praying for you and your sons. God Bless You all and may God heal your hearts with his love. Le Chiam, Maureen Thoresen Boyd

Maureen Thoresen Boyd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“Joan, My forever friend. We lost contact for so many years. I'm so glad I found you and we were able to see each other again in 2007. You were kind to have a lunch for me so that I could visit with some of our Youth Forum friends. I will always remember our fun days in our younger days. The visits with your family are some of my fondest memories, there was never a dull moment. Also the beautiful clothes you made for me. You were a bridesmaid when I married Rich. It all seems like yesterday. My only regret is that we had not missed all of those years. we could have shared so many adventures and laughs. You could find something to laugh about no matter how bad things were looking at the time. You will always have a special place in my heart. Joey, I know how devastated you must feel. I know that when Rich passed away so suddenly I felt like the sun wasn't going to shine again. Believe me things will get better. You have so many wonderful & fun mememories. Your family will be great supporters at this time, just lean on them when you need to. Please call anytime, I will be glad to talk to you. Love forever Kathy

KATHY DIXON PERRY HILL - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“Dear Joey, I know that today is the Memorial for Joan. Your family and friends are all around you to support you through this. I wished I could have been there too, but please know that the memory of Joan, my best friend Carolyn's big sister, will never go away. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Traylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM