



Joann C. La Fleur

November 2, 1931 - September 18, 2017

La Fleur, Joann C. Age 85, resident of Southfield, long-time resident of Bradenton, Florida, passed away in Royal Oak on September 18, 2017. Joann was born on November 2, 1931 in Pontiac to the late Tony and Elsie Wilbur. She grew up in Berkley and completed schooling at Berkley High School. In her twenties, she accepted a position with Michigan Bell and remained in their employ for the majority of her working career. Her outstanding adaptability and self-sufficiency resulted in a number of promotions and management positions within the company, as well as with AT&T. Following retirement, Joann enjoyed the warm air, shining sun, and the company of many great folks in Florida. Joann will be remembered for her independent spirit, impeccable sense of style, one of a kind sense of humor, and comical outlook on life. She will be missed by the numerous lives that she touched with her smile and presence.

Loving mother of Sam (Libby) Benton, Cherilynn La Fleur, Michelle (Bill) Peters, and Debra La Fleur; Proud grandmother of Zachary Benton, Jacob (Kim) Benton, Joshua Benton, Melissa (Andrew) Armentor, Alicia Width, Megan Width, and Jasmine Acharya; Great-grandmother to Tyler, Brandon, and Ryley Benton; dear sister to Neysa, Barbara, Raymond, and the late Jarvis, Kenneth, Elaine, Mary, Joy, and Gerald.

Visitation Saturday 10:30 am until time of funeral service at 1:00 pm at the

Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials appreciated to Gilda's Club or The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Ebon & Michele purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.*



Ebon & Michele - September 23, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.*



September 23, 2017 at 09:04 AM

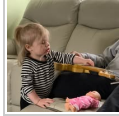
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“ *JoAnne was kind beyond belief, and lovely beyond measure, and could make her friends laugh when nothing was a laughing matter. We all miss her dearly and we all wish we could have had more time with her while she was here. May God keep her and be with her now and always. To her children and grandchildren, Thanks for sharing her with us here in Bradenton. We will never forget JoAnne..*



*Sonja Nutter, Don Cooks.
Bradenton, Fl.*

Sonja nutter - September 22, 2017 at 06:15 PM



Thank you Sonja

Sam Benton - September 23, 2017 at 08:31 AM

CF

“*JoAnne moved to Bradenton in 1985 – it was my haven and I came to Bradenton as much as I could for as long as I could. We had so much fun, made so many memories, laughed and laughed. Shopped till we dropped at so many wonderful places like “The Red Barn” and “Saint Armand’s Circle” in Sarasota. The first condo she lived in there were no pets allowed – I was going through a hard time and needed my “Ginnipig” a Pembroke Welsh Corgi – my Soul Mate Dog. She said bring her we will figure something out. She even picked her up a day earlier than I arrived due to the airlines. I was there a long time – maybe two months or more. It was fun and interesting how we hid Ginnipig from all the neighbors (and one thing everyone can say about JoAnne – total honesty was her policy). We pretended Ginnipig was a baby and got away with it the whole time. She told me I couldn’t have Ginnipig in the bed; but every morning when she peeked in there was Ginnipig in the bed – she would sigh and go make breakfast. This little dog loved her so much and she loved her back. The most Beautiful Soul and She is my Mother.*

Your Loving Daughter Now and Always - Cherilynn La Fleur

Cherilynn La Fleur - September 22, 2017 at 03:20 PM

CF

“ When I was 12 years old I snuck out of my bedroom window on a Friday night to go to a place called “Coffee House” at the YWCA on Normandy and Crooks. It was an event that went on every weekend for high school kids – Live Music with no alcohol. However, it was the 70s. I was sitting on the wall outside the front smoking a cigarette with friends - I looked up and saw my Mom walking across Crooks Road towards me. She was walking slowly and I knew she saw me. I ditched the cigarette and my feelings turned to stone cold horror. I was sure that I was in big trouble and even worse I disappointed my wonderful Mother. She walked up and sat down next to me and put her arm around me. She said “honey it is too late for you to be out – let’s go home”. Not one word about the cigarette, not one word about the way I was dressed, not even one word about the makeup I had on (she hated me wearing the type of cloths I had on and of course too young for how much makeup I had on). She kissed me on the forehead and took my hand and we walked home. Hand in hand. All my Mom said on the way home is “You know honey, I love you more today than I did yesterday; Isn’t it a beautiful evening.” We walked home hand and hand in silence and she never mentioned it again nor was I punished. She was smart that way – she had a special way of making me want to be a better person.

Your Loving Daughter Now and Always - Cherilynn La Fleur

Cherilynn La Fleur - September 22, 2017 at 03:19 PM

PP

“ Our dear Joann, what can I say about such a sweet lady that all of you don't already know. She was always the rock, the caretaker, the organizer of our little group here in Bradenton Florida We were all lost and devastated when Joann had to move back to Michigan. A little lady with a BIG heart. She was the first one to offer a friendly hand to me when I moved here.

She spent many Thanksgivings with me and John at my home even one year at Holms Beach

Please accept our warm wishes and prayers to all of you.

Pauline C Pemberton and John Longo
Bradenton FL

Pauline C Pemberton - September 22, 2017 at 02:40 PM



Thanks Pauline, she missed all of you as well.

Sam Benton - September 23, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



September 22, 2017 at 09:20 AM

KS

“ Kathy & Matthew Scher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



Kathy & Matthew Scher - September 22, 2017 at 09:13 AM

TK

“ Theresa & James, Tim & Tina, and David & Krisann purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



Theresa & James, Tim & Tina, and David & Krisann -
September 21, 2017 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ Marilyn Harmon and Glenda Buffa purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



Marilyn Harmon and Glenda Buffa - September 21, 2017 at
01:19 PM

RI

“ Robin Iagulli purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



Robin Iagulli - September 21, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



September 21, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



September 21, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



September 21, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joann C. La Fleur.



September 20, 2017 at 06:14 PM