



Joan Ellen Lewis

April 7, 1945 - February 20, 2020

Joan Ellen Lewis, 74, of Rensselaer, Ind. passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Joan was born on April 7, 1945 in Watseka, Illinois to Raymond and Pearl (Merrick) Prather. She graduated from Mount Ayr High School with the Class of 1963. Joan went on to obtain her certification from the Lafayette School of Cosmetology.

On June 11, 1975, she married Robert D. Lewis in Mount Ayr, Indiana.

Joan enjoyed many jobs throughout her life. She was a retired beautician and cherished her clients at the former Paul's Beauty Salon, Uptown Girls, and Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village. Joan was also previously employed at JCPenney, Ona Hooker Smart Shop and the Indiana State Highway Garage. She was able to share her love of cooking with the children of Rensselaer Central Middle School, where she served as a lunch lady for four years before retiring.

Joan had a passion for cooking. She also loved to knit and relax while fishing in Minnesota. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Rensselaer. Joan also belonged to TOPS Club, Inc. and was a past member of Sigma Phi Gamma.

Joan is survived by her husband Robert, her five children, Todd (Micki) Lewis of Noblesville, Ind., Tara Wood of Monticello, Ind., Randy (Alice) Lewis of Rensselaer, Kathy Lewis of Monticello, Ind., and Cindy (Jim) Deaton of Brenham, Texas, her sister Judi Adams of Wabash, Ind., her brother Jerry

(Cindy) Prather of Lafayette, Ind., eleven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond, and her mother, Pearl, as well as two of her sisters, Jeraldine and June.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Rensselaer on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. A funeral service will follow at noon. Pastor Benjamin Hertel will be officiating. Burial will be immediately following at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Association or St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
704 E. Grace Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

Saint Luke Ev Lutheran Church
704 E. Grace Street
Rensselaer, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 23, 2020 at 02:20 PM

IR

“ Dear family and friends of Joanie, our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may your memories help you through this difficult time. God Bless Duane Irene Brechting

ireneBrechting - February 24, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JF

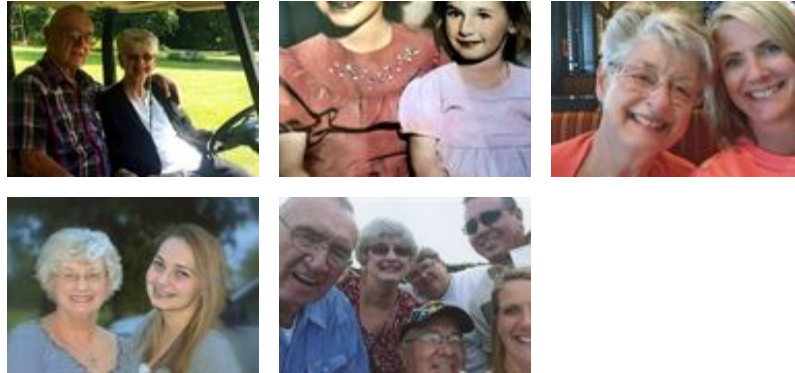
“ Janet Murray Fisher lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis



Janet Murray Fisher - February 24, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 23, 2020 at 02:09 PM

TF

“ *The Wood Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joan Ellen Lewis.*



The Wood Family - February 23, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis*



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - February 22, 2020 at 10:35 AM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis*



Glen and Linda Wood - February 22, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ *Knew Joan from her days working at my Aunt Ona Hooker's store. She always looked like a model, was very friendly and definitely an asset to my aunt. My aunt loved her!*

JoAnn Reese - February 22, 2020 at 07:41 AM

CR

“ *Cindy And Chuck Ransford lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis*



Cindy and Chuck Ransford - February 22, 2020 at 02:19 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joan Ellen Lewis.*



February 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis*



Jerry miller - February 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear of Joan passing. She was a special cousin and had many fun times together growing up! We are praying for you for comfort. Maybe she and our Linda can share their birthday together in heaven this year.*

Jerry and Freida Ruch - February 21, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Joan's family.*



Denny and Susie Healey - February 21, 2020 at 04:21 PM

GR

“ *As a school mate I would see Joan in the study hall, then as we got older we would visit at the Mt. Ayr Alumni. Of course we would discuss our sisters, were besties! Prayers for the family, she will be missed!*

Georgiana Roadruck

Georgiana Roadruck - February 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Lewis*



Martha Langley - February 21, 2020 at 03:38 PM

GW

“ *Always with a smile on her face, such a sweet lady. She will definitely be missed. Prayers to the family.*



Gayla Warran - February 21, 2020 at 01:35 PM