



Muriel Joan Cochran

October 14, 1926 - May 2, 2011

Muriel Joan Cochran, age 84, a lifetime resident of Rensselaer, passed away Monday, May 2, 2011 at her home. Joan was born October 14, 1926, in Rensselaer. She was the daughter of the late Elvin R. Jordan and Helen E. (Rishling) Jordan. On April 11, 1946, in Rensselaer, Joan married Paul O. Cochran.

Joan is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Paul O. Cochran, four children, Paula (Robert) Bell, Russell (Donna) Cochran and Deborah (Bill) Brown, all of Rensselaer and Linda (Michael) Pugh of Cumming, Georgia; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren; and three sisters, Barbara Wilcox and Phyllis Blackburn of Rensselaer and Shirley Ellis of Monticello, Indiana. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Irma Lowery, one great-grandson, Avery Bell and one great-great grandson, Tristan Avery Bell.

Joan graduated from Rensselaer High School with the class of 1944. She was the former owner of the Chatterbox Café in Rensselaer, both she and Paul owned the Remington Drive-In and she was a former cook at the Rensselaer High School

Joan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer, the Iroquois Archery Club and the VFW Post 1279 Ladies Auxiliary. Joan was very

active in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, serving 8 years as president, serving on the Voice of Democracy, Poppy Sales, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the Friday night Fish Fry committee. Joan enjoyed community service. She had been a Boy Scout leader and a volunteer at the Rensselaer Care Center for many years.

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Muriel Joan Cochran



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ what a great Mom! Happy Mother's Day Mom.##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 10:28 PM



“ Sending our condolences and prayers to all the family.##imported-begin##Hubert & Pam Doughty##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ Such a special woman. So blessed to have had an opportunity to know you. Your Granddaughter (my wife) has the MOST fond memories of you. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Cullen Coogan##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ You are all in our prayers and we are sorry for you loss. Love to all.##imported-begin##Bill & Susie Baker##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 07:03 PM



“ Debbie and Family...I should have stayed another day! So sorry about your Mom. I know she brought you and your family great joy. My heart goes out to you and your family. Cheers to a great Lady!##imported-begin##Howard and Sharon Marshall##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 06:08 PM



“ Love You All!!! Wish I could have been there!!!##imported-begin##Michael Pugh##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 04:56 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy go out to Paul and his family. Joan was our neighbor at Lake for 30 years. Her and Paul were always working out in their beautiful yard. When returning back to the lake on the weekend we would come back only to find another new planting in our garden. We knew that it was Joan who did this deed.##imported-begin##Tim & Sue Ruse##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Paul and family - Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Joan was always so upbeat about everything and always brought a smile to your face. We know you will always have wonderful memories of your times together. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Don and Gloria Waymouth##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 03:06 PM



“ What a wonderful person she was! I will always remember the fun times we had at the "Cochran Cottage" in Monticello and how Paul and Joan opened their home to all of their children's friends. Always thought of Joan as the "energizer bunny" because she had so much energy and never seemed to stop...I don't think she had an "off" button. Sorry that I cannot be there to honor her in person, but will honor her from here with a prayer and a smile. Hugs to you all....especially Grandpa Paul.##imported-begin##Judy Burvan##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 09:32 AM



“ We wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Joan was such a fun-loving lady. Whether it was a camp out at the lake cottage, or her happy smile as she worked tirelessly at the VFW. She'll be missed by everyone who knew her.##imported-begin##Matt and Claire Brown##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ Paul and Joan gave me my first job at the Remington Drive In and they made working fun. Joan was such a fun boss. My thoughts and prayers are with Paul and the children.##imported-begin##Shari Maxwell Millea##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 07:39 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Russ, Donna, and the entire family during this difficult time. May your mother rest in peace.##imported-begin##Dave, Robyn, & Sarah Schaetzel##imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 01:03 AM



“ To the Cochran Family, word's cannot even begin to express our sorrow in your loss. Our thought's and prayers are with you All.##imported-begin##Dave & Becky Walter##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 10:54 PM



“ Joan was such a fun lady and will be remembered with alot of fond memories. We are sorry we cannot be there for her service. Please know that our thoughts are with you all at this very difficult time.
Sincerely,
Mike and Jan Brown##imported-begin##Mike and Jan Brown##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 04:24 PM