



Joan R. Cinnamon

May 14, 1940 - March 10, 2023

Joan R. Cinnamon, age 82, of Kankakee passed away Friday, March 10, 2023 at Bickford House in Bourbonnais. She was born May 14, 1940 in Savanna, IL, the daughter of James & Mildred (Shaw) Peterson. Joan married Oliver "Ollie" Cinnamon on August 22, 1963 in Savanna, IL. They shared nearly 56 years until his passing on April 22, 2019.

Joan was a teacher for Limestone School for most of her career. She enjoyed crafting, crocheting, and going to craft shows. She was a board member and supporter of the Limestone Township Library and Peterson Schoolhouse. Most of all, Joan loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Eric & Diane Cinnamon of Manteno and Shan & Andrea Cinnamon of Kankakee; one daughter, Lisa Cinnamon of Fairplay, CO; one sister, Janis Martin of Hustler, WI; five grandchildren, Dennis Parks, Gabrielle Cinnamon, Maxwell Cinnamon, Alexis Cinnamon, and Wyatt Langlois; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, Ollie Cinnamon, Joan is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Larry Peterson; and one sister, Carol Sue Bielema. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the 4 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ Mrs. C. signed my 8th grade yearbook telling me I could stay another year. Many, many years later, I found a vest with Marc Brown's Arthur characters on it at Tools for Schools. Mrs. Gianotti told me that Mrs. Cinnamon made it. I left a note with her, but I don't know what happened. A few years after that, I actually met Marc Brown. I have a picture with him while I was wearing the vest. He loved hearing how my 8th grade English teacher made it. Mrs. C. was one of my favorites. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing (six months after the fact.) Many thoughts for the family.

Kim Vimpeny Goedelmann - September 21, 2023 at 07:51 PM

KG

Kim Vimpeny, Limestone Class of '85

Kim Vimpeny Goedelmann - September 21, 2023 at 07:54 PM

CM

“ Here’s to the woman who was the mother to my first childhood friend.
Who let me cuss and get feelings out.
Who would make amazing jelly and jam from the raspberries and blackberries we would pick.
Who always had a book to read, and inspired my love for reading at a young age. I specifically remember I was reading a Stephen King book, and couldn’t understand the Redrum reference. And her laughing at me when I figured it out. Not in a bad way. But in a Joan way.
Who always told me we were birthday friends.
Who always had great wisdom and eloquent words.
She was such a great teacher to do many kids over the years.
Prayers to Eric, Shan and Lisa, and her grandchildren. She loved them all so.

Chris Mitsdarffer - March 18, 2023 at 02:52 PM

KB

“ Joan was a caring teacher who shared so much with her students and fellow teachers. Her positive attitude was contagious and I was fortunate to have taught with her. Her passion for reading, learning and crafting was remarkable.
My sympathies to her family.

Karen Bayer

Karen Bayer - March 14, 2023 at 05:01 PM

SM

“Joan was a dear friend and family member. She was married to my uncle Ollie, but I knew her before when we were at Western Illinois together. There were four of us in the Cinnamon family who were the same age, Joan, Mimi, Becky, and me. It was so much fun to be together at family gatherings and talk about our families. Because Joan and I were both teachers we always were able to share our teaching stories. She will be missed by many. Much love and prayers to the family.

Susan Moss

SUSAN E. MOSS - March 13, 2023 at 09:52 AM

BS

“Joan was a joy. She brought happiness and laughter to all of us.

Birdie Stevenson - March 12, 2023 at 01:55 PM

RS

“Your smile could always light up a room. I am grateful for the time I got to know you and was able to care for you.

Roberta Spencer - March 12, 2023 at 01:22 PM

MG

“Toast” was a truly professional first class instructor. It was an honor to be a colleague and a friend of Mrs C. God bless her and peace and love to her family.

Mr G - March 11, 2023 at 12:12 PM

DP

Joan was my sister in law for 59 years. Oh the memories. Christmas summer time fun. I remember one special mushroom hunt. She will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Dolores Peterson. - March 14, 2023 at 07:57 AM

TE

Mrs. C was a wonderful teacher and friend. I still have some of her creative seamstress collections that have withstood time. She was a wonderful seamstress too! Prayers to her family.

Terry

Terry - March 14, 2023 at 12:48 PM