



Joann Marie Powers

April 3, 1950 - January 6, 2024

Joann Marie Powers (Pamer), age 73, departed this world on Saturday, January 6, 2024, after valiantly battling ovarian cancer for 18 months. A resident of Kankakee for nearly 35 years, Joann leaves a legacy of love, friendship, resilience, design, volunteerism, and cherished memories.

Joann's life will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14, at Clancy Gernon Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Visitation is from 11am-2pm with a Memorial Service starting at 2pm.

Joann is survived by her loving and devoted family: John, her husband of 52 years; her son Adam and his wife Katie Kelley Powers of Wheaton, Ill.; and, her daughter Alicia and husband Matthew Pope of Chicago, Ill. Joann's heart was most full when surrounded by the joy, love, and laughter of her six grandchildren: Bowan Powers, Ainsley Anne Pope, Kaia Powers, Maisy Marie Pope, Greyer Powers, and Brooks Powers.

Joann was a dear sister and best friend to Diane (Pamer) and Tom Boggs; Glenn and Mary Pamer; and Wayne and Mindy Pamer. She was also a cherished sister-in-law to Julia Petry.

A loving aunt to many, including: Hisham, Lee Anne, and Lila Petry; Michelle (Powers), Dave, and Cambria Baker; Josh, Julie, Ben, Bryce, and Lily Boggs;

Shana (Boggs), Brennan, and Ava McCarthy; Ryan and Skyler Powers; Corrine (Boggs), Jamez, Amira, and Jamila Griffin; Karly, Will and Tyler Pamer.

Joann's warmth and generosity shone through in all that she did. She greeted everyone with a smile, made quick and lasting friends, and was always ready with a hug. She was a dedicated volunteer, tirelessly contributing her time and efforts to various causes, leaving an enduring impact effect on those she served. Joann found particular joy in supporting numerous local political campaigns, driven by her passion for engaging in her community and making positive changes.

Joann's creative talents flourished as a skilled graphic designer. In the 1990s, she founded Design Power, a testament to her entrepreneurial spirit and artistic prowess. Many of her distinctive logos and designs continue to grace the landscape of Kankakee County. She brought this same artistry to all aspects of her life, from hosting beloved friends, family, and neighbors to tending to her beautiful gardens.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Adam and Mary (Steiner) Pamer of Kenmore, Ohio. Additionally, her brothers-in-law; Donald Powers and William Petry and great-niece Ashley Griffin.

Joann's life was a testament to the enduring power of love, family, and friends. Her impact on the lives she touched will be remembered with love and gratitude. May she rest in peace and may the light she brought to those she loved continue to shine bright.

Donations can be made to the University of Chicago Medicine for Ovarian Cancer Research, to Wright in Kankakee or your favorite charity in Joann's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Joann's lovely laugh and warm smile will be so missed by us. We have such great fond memories of "Playdates" and visits and belly laughs together. Her kindness and love was always present and we see how that has transferred to her awesome family. Our heart aches for your loss and we know Joann is fondly looking down and smiling upon her legacy of love which she has left to all who know her.
Jack and Sue



Jack Aldworth - January 11, 2024 at 06:32 PM

WM

“ My sincere condolences to Joann's family and friends in this heartbreaking time. Joann was an exceptional human being and a blessing in all of our lives. When my first college roommate, John, introduced our group of closest college friends to her, we all said the same, "Marry her, John!" Before they married, I visited her parents at a party they held. Her mother and I danced the polka. There was a feeling of loving tradition in that home. Joann always made you feel welcomed and at ease in her presence, and she was a great host when I visited John and her in Kankakee a couple of times. Their children's exceptional characters are testimonials to loving parenting. Joann's art was world class and enriched our lives. We have two responsibilities in life: take care of ourselves (body, mind and spirit) and take care of others (family, community, nation, world). Joann was outstanding at both. May she rest in peace. -
Wade Marbaugh

Wade Marbaugh - January 11, 2024 at 06:22 PM

MC

“ *What an incredible individual she was! Joann always brought a smile and an encouraging word wherever she served. Her design skills were second to none. Her personality was contagious. Thank you, family, for sharing her with so many. We will all miss her greatly.*

Monte Crowl - January 10, 2024 at 07:05 PM

RM

“ *God has gained a fierce warrior angel by His side and our community has suffered another loss. My deepest sympathy for your loss Alicia and family. Your mother was a classy lady! Who will be missed by many. May she rest in peace and your memories keep her close in your hearts.*



Rose Mitchell - January 10, 2024 at 05:30 PM

MH

“ *Cancer has no boundaries, and climbed a big fence when it decided to claim this lovely lady. She was a friend from the time she met you, whether it was forever or once only. Her talents were shared, as she took care of her family, and friends, and her community and garden. My deepest sympathy to the family who knew her best and cared most. May God be with you all.*
Marsha Hill

Marsha Hill - January 10, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Powers.*



January 10, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ *Joann was always a smiling cheerful caring mom and such a pleasure to be with at family events. I'm deeply saddened by her passing at a young age, but she raised a beautiful daughter with values and talent like her own. I'm grateful. She seemed to help everyone. God bless the Powers family. She seemed to be the light and center of it. I loved Joann, and will til hopefully we meet again.*

Christine Burns Lehrfeld - January 09, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ *Christine Burns Lehrfeld lit a candle in memory of Joann Marie Powers*



Christine Burns Lehrfeld - January 09, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Joann Marie Powers*



Joseph Giacchino - January 09, 2024 at 02:03 PM