



JoAnn Simeur Surber

June 4, 1937 - September 2, 2011

Mrs. JoAnn Simeur Surber passed away Friday, September 2nd, 2011 at, Riverside Hospital, Kankakee, Illinois, due to complications resulting from a fall. A gathering of friends and family "Celebrating JoAnn's life" will be from 10-11 AM Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais with a funeral service at 11 AM officiated by Pastor Marvin Jones and Elder Jack Cavitt. Burial will be at the family plot, Mound Grove Memorial Gardens. A Remembrance lunch will be served at the Community of Christ Church, Bourbonnais, Illinois hosted by the Girls of '56, the Gabettes Social Group and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority following interment. Memorials may be made to the Kankakee Arthritis Foundation and/or Harbor House.

JoAnn was born June 4th, 1937, at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, Illinois, daughter of the late Ernest and Josephine (Ashby) Simeur of Manteno. She graduated from Manteno High School in 1956 and was married to the late Billy Gene Surber January 12th, 1957.

Mrs. Surber was a homemaker and held various part-time jobs. She once operated a women's clothing boutique from her home called JoAnn's Closet. Later in life, she operated her own boutique, JoAnn's Armoire, at The Countryside Place in Manteno, Illinois. She was involved in many volunteer groups and organizations. Most recently, JoAnn was a member of 'The Laureate Beta Omega Sorority, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.' In 2004 she was chosen to be on the National and International Beta Sigma Phi Queen's Court. Other groups included Helpmates, a single's group, serving as its Social

Chairperson for two of her four membership years, the Kankakee Arthritis Style Show Board, the '56ers,' the Red Hat 'Chatter Hatters,' and the 'Gabettes Social Group.' JoAnn Surber also served twenty-one years as Ticket Chairperson for the 'Spice of Life Variety Show,' and held a position on the Board of Directors with Harbor House for fifteen years. JoAnn was a member of the Junior Women's Club for twenty years and served as their President twice, holding numerous other offices. Also, she had been a member and Board member of the Kankakee Women's Club. Mrs. Surber appeared in the Bishop McNamara's 'Mad Caps,' Junior Women Club 'Follies' and the 'Spice of Life Variety Show.' She belonged to 'The Not-Quite-Ready-for-Peoria Players,' a theatrical group. While her sons were young, JoAnn was Co-Chairperson, Concession, with the Little League and Junior Football League, Kankakee. While working at the Kankakee Credit Bureau, JoAnn was active in the Credit Women's International Organization. Her favorite past time was shopping, plays and going out to dinner with friends and family. Mrs. Surber was of Christian faith.

Surviving are one son, Richard Todd Surber, El Dorado, Arkansas and two daughters-in-law, Vickie Surber of Kankakee and Nina Surber of El Dorado, Arkansas; three grandsons, Josh and Billy Surber of Kankakee and Brandon (Surber) Birkenmeyer of Kankakee, Illinois; two brothers and sister-in-law, David Simeur of Fort Pierce, Florida and Ronald and Doris Simeur of Manteno; two Aunts, Mary (Ashby) Nichiporenko of Midthothian, Illinois, and Leona (Simeur) Johnston of Van Nuys, California; First Cousin(s), Marlene Simth Bedell of Momence, Karen Winter of Woodland Park, Colorado, Kirby, Billy and Barbara Ashby, Robert and Barbara Johnston of California; Special friends, Katie Buser, Pat Cavitt, Maureen Antognoli, Loretta Mason, Katie Funk, Kaye Jarvis, Roberta Renville, Barb Guertin, Sue Blake Beth Zacharlas, Vivian Maher, Nancy Kawanna, Rick Atkins, brother, David; Special nephew and niece, Brian and Denise Simeur, many more friends and several other nephews, nieces and cousins; former sisters-in-law, Charmaine (Simeur) Pullon of Hilton Head, South Carolina and Kathy New (Simeur) Searl of Fort

Pierce, Florida. Mrs. Surber was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother, Thomas Allen Simeur of Kankakee and her first-borne son, Douglas Edward Surber of Kankakee, her father and mother-in-law, Edward and Phyllis Surber, four Uncles and one Aunt.

Memorials to Kankakee Arthritis Foundation - www.arthritis.org

Harbor House - www.harborhousedv.org/

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Donna Wascher lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Simeur Surber*



Donna Wascher - October 06, 2011 at 03:26 PM

RF

“ *Thank you for allowing us to be a small part of JoAnn's life. We feel blessed to have met her and learn about her amazing family!*

*Rachel Fruehling
ManorCare of Kankakee*

Rachel Fruehling - September 07, 2011 at 01:01 PM

NJ

“ *JoAnn was a sorority sister. My memories of her were her stylish clothes and she was always happy. Her hats were a hit at one of our get togethers. You have my deepest sympathy. Nancy Johnson*

Nancy Johnson - September 07, 2011 at 07:30 AM

DS

“ *Too many memories of you to share on line. I refused to accept the reality of losing you; it's a very sad time for me. Your new home was just about complete, trying to remember every detail to make the rest of your life a happy one with Rick and me in Florida. We love you so very much!!! Your brother and best friend always, David*

David Simeur - September 06, 2011 at 06:18 PM

DW

“ While I did not know her well, I knew she was a wonderful, caring person. She will be missed by all.

Dianne Williams

Dianne Williams - September 05, 2011 at 10:14 AM

MJ

“ One of my dearest and most loyal friends of over 20 years passed away today. JoAnn Surber faithfully wrote to me once every two weeks for the last seven years. She fell and hurt herself approximately 5 months ago and has been fighting ever since. May she rest in peace - may I one day be as good a friend to someone else as she was to me.

Mike Jackson - September 04, 2011 at 03:29 PM

BS

“ Brian & Denise Simeur lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Simeur Surber



Brian & Denise Simeur - September 03, 2011 at 08:27 PM



“ Deacon Patrick Skelly lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Simeur Surber



Deacon Patrick Skelly - September 03, 2011 at 04:20 PM

DS

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am very sorry for your loss Vicki.

Donna Sims - September 06, 2011 at 08:36 PM

LJ

" God Bless You" Love Aunt Leona

Leona Johnston - September 07, 2011 at 11:17 AM