



## Joanne L. Arbour

June 25, 1934 - October 12, 2014

Joanne Lucille Arbour of Bourbonnais, died Sunday ( Oct. 12, 2014) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. A private immediate family memorial will be held. Mrs. Arbour was born June 25, 1934 in Kankakee, IL, the daughter of Arthur Freeman and Lillian Topliff Biggers. She married Joseph E. Arbour, Jr. on January 18, 1953 in Kankakee. Surviving are her husband, Joe of Bourbonnais, two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Judy Jo, Michael and Lisa, all of Bourbonnais. Four grandchildren, JT (Barb) Arbour of Bourbonnais, and Jeff Arbour (Barbara Bohl) of Bourbonnais. Also, Melissa (Derek) Shrout of Carmel, IN, and Monica (Mike) Slize of Bourbonnais. Also surviving are nine great-grandchildren, Cayden Arbour, Tyson Arbour, Seth McLean, Sophie, Sadie, and Selah Shrout. Also, Brody Kelly, Emma, and Henry Slize. A sister, Betty Kibbons of Bourbonnais, along with many nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces, who all loved her very much. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents. Also, brothers and sisters, Arthur "Bud" Freeman, Audrey Toohey, Leona Boudreau, and Ronald Freeman. Also preceded in death is Cody Thomas Arbour her great-grandson. Memorials may be made to Because of Cody... a 501 (c) (3) non for profit organization, founded in memory of her great grandson, Cody. Because of Cody...is dedicated to SIDS Education and Safe Sleep for Babies. "Gee Gee" was so proud of the work this organization is doing in her great grandson's name. She wore her blue Because of Cody... awareness bracelet every day. Memorials may be sent to Because of Cody... P.O Box 24, Bourbonnais, IL

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Joanne worked as a supervisor at the Credit Bureau in Kankakee for 18 years. Always a reader, she enjoyed reading thousands of all sorts of books. Lifetime partners, Joe and Joanne, used a \$5,000 final paycheck from the Army to invest and refurbish multiple homes for rent. This led to them ultimately building apartment complexes in East Bradley and providing shelter to hundreds of families, many of whom were just getting their start. Their generosity never stopped. Joe and Joanne gave anonymously to families in need during Christmas time. Our entire family was unaware of this until after her passing. Nineteen families during a busy Christmas, would get food, money, and toys. The toys were always inexpensive, but more valuable than words could describe. They also shared in a passion for flea markets, thrift stores, and auctions. They ran multiple stores and auctions where they helped many to get affordable gifts, tools, and other non-essential items. They also enjoyed raising different varieties of roses. Joanne loved to be at every game of baseball that her Grandsons had, then every game that her Great-Grandchildren had. She was a loyal and caring woman. Sweet, timid, soft hearted, a friend to all, and as her husband says, "simply a wonderful woman". Joanne will remain in our hearts, a loving and beloved, Great-Grandmother, Grandmother, Mother, and Wife.

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Joanne. She was wonderful person that will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this difficult time. Steve & Donna Freeman

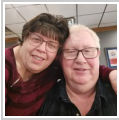
steve freeman - October 17, 2014 at 06:32 PM

RB

“ Rebecca Burdick lit a candle in memory of Joanne L. Arbour



Rebecca Burdick - October 16, 2014 at 09:03 PM



I always remember her coming into Mary's emporium with a smile on her face and her coming into McDonalds to get something to eat before the morning started .She was Joe her husband's right hand always and you could see the love she had for others making them happy she will be missed .My condolences are with the family .

Rebecca Burdick - October 16, 2014 at 09:06 PM

BG

“ My condolence to the family Bonnie Greear and Charles Arbour Jr.

bonnie greear - October 16, 2014 at 12:40 PM

RP

“ *My seeing the love that Joanne and Joe had for one another and was not afraid to show everyday. I remember one day in the store Joe was talking to me and saw Joanne across the store coming toward him and he said that's one hell of a woman with a smile on his face and she smiled back at him and to this day I am not sure if he was telling me how great she was or just reminding himself but I am so glad I was able to see the love between those two.*

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**Rita Patchett** - October 15, 2014 at 05:02 PM

JA

*Thank you so much Rita. They loved all of your family*

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**Judy Jo Arbour** - October 15, 2014 at 10:30 PM

JA

“ *So many memories with my Grandma. She was at every ball game I had. She supported me in getting my first house. She watched and worried as she saw me grow in to a man. Without her my life would not have been filled with so much joy! I remember being a kid and spending the night at their house. The memory that stands out most from when I was a kid is a trip to Wrigley Field. My first ball game in their van. I learned that TUMs weren't candy as well on that trip. I don't remember the game, just the excitement around the new experience. I wish I could go on for ever. The truth is, everything in my heart I want her to know she does. Everything I wished she had found out about me, she already had. I'm blessed to have been blessed with such a loving Grandmother and friend. I will fulfil my promise to you that I made in 2010. - Jeff Arbour*



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**Jeffrey Arbour** - October 15, 2014 at 12:40 PM

RD

*This is really beautiful Jeff, I love the ending about everything in your heart that you want her to know, she does. Your love for each other is something you will carry in your heart, forever.*

Robin Devereaux - October 15, 2014 at 05:12 PM

JA

*I am so thankful that my boys as adults have known their grandparents .. What loving relationships they have developed and will have their whole lives...*

Judy Jo Arbour - October 15, 2014 at 10:33 PM

RD

“ *Joe Senior, Joe, Judy Jo, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. The tribute to her described her perfectly. I am praying your memories of her will, help to ease the pain in your hearts. Robin Devereaux*

Robin Devereaux - October 15, 2014 at 10:31 AM

JA

*Robin I remember Joanne telling me so many times... How much she loved the Devereaux's, Matya's & Andersen's. and reminded me how lucky we were to have you all as best friends. She was a very smart lady wasn't she?*



Judy Jo Arbour - October 15, 2014 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ *EUGENE, JO, JUDYJO, MIKE, LISA:  
SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOANNE. OUR LOVE AND  
PRAYERS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. BEVERLY BAKER*

BEVERLY BAKER - October 15, 2014 at 09:59 AM

PR

“ *Mike and Lisa,  
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May God lift you up and surround your family at this time. It is always hard losing someone so close.*

*Pat and Patti Roach*

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**Patti Roach** - October 15, 2014 at 09:01 AM

MA

“ *Thanks for the little notes in my Christmas cards and knowing I wanted money to buy Cabage Patch dolls growing up. :) <3*

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**Monica Arbour-Slize** - October 15, 2014 at 07:57 AM

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**Monica Arbour-Slize** - October 15, 2014 at 07:57 AM

PA

*She will always live on in your hearts and minds. Cherish the happy memories and be grateful for all of the joy she brought to the world.*

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**Pat Alvey** - October 15, 2014 at 09:36 AM