



Joanne M. Dressler

January 30, 1931 - March 18, 2018

Joanne M. Dressler, 87, of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Miller Healthcare. She was born on January 30, 1931, in Bourbonnais Township, to George and Delia Bouchard Dupuis. She is one of ten children. Joanne married Wayne Dressler on August 9, 1958 at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee. They have been married for 59 years.

Joanne graduated from St. Joseph Seminary High School in 1949. She also graduated from College of St. Francis in 1953. She was a teacher for Kankakee grade school. She also was a writer for Imperial International Learning. Joanne worked at Riverside Medical Center. She retired from there in 1992. Joanne was active at St. Patrick grade school when her children went there. She was also on the St. Patrick school board. She was active at St. Patrick Church. She was an active member with HCE of Limestone. Joanne loved her family very much. She enjoyed being outside and going on walks.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and William Stump, of Clifton; one son and two daughters-in-law, Warren and Mary Dressler, of Morris, OK and Brenda Dressler, of Kankakee; three grandchildren, Angela Stump, Tiffany (Nicholas) Austin, and Craig Dressler; one great grandchild, Alisa Wright; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Lorraine McNulty and Theresa (Victor) Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Glenn J. Dressler; three brothers, Franklin, Urban "Chink", and Leroy; and four sisters, Margaret Shea, Erma LaFontaine, Elzeer Langlois, and Rita Kurtenbach.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will officiate. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Patrick Church.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

VB

“ I remember my Aunt Joanne having such a beautiful smile. She was always so kind and loving to all her neices and nephews. Even living far away in Florida, when I got the chance to visit, she wanted to know everything happening in my life. She will missed by so many people. My heart felt sympathy to the family and many prayers. Valerie Batten

Valerie Batten - March 23, 2018 at 01:30 PM

AB

“ At about 10 or 11 years old, a couple years before I left Illinois for Florida, I remember going to Kankakee’s summer recreation program at the park just down the street from Grandma and Grandpa Dupuis’ house. There a sweet young Aunt Joanne was one of the teachers giving of herself during the summer to bring all kinds of fun activities to the neighborhood kids. May we all have her true unselfish love for others attested to by her friends and family to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ.

John 15: 4 & 5 -

“Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches.... for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Ann Batts - March 22, 2018 at 12:58 AM

AS

“ She was always smiling. Sorry for your loss.

Anita Spenard-VanTassel - March 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM

RJ

“ Even though our LaFontaine clan moved to Florida many years ago, the times I went to Illinois, I was always happy to visit with and see sweet Aunt Joanne. The family reunions I was able to attend that she and Uncle Wayne so generously held at their home hold great memories for me!

Being with all of the family, the hay ride and the volleyball game; priceless!

I will miss you Aunt Joanne, and you will always remain in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers.

I love you!!

Renée Johnson

Renée Johnson - March 21, 2018 at 02:04 PM

DD

“ I will miss Aunt Joanne, she was such a kind and loving person. Some of my fondness memories growing up was attending Dressler picnics at Wayne and Joanne's farm. She will be truly missed and I will think of her often, especially on January 30th, because we share the same birthday.

Dave Dressler - March 21, 2018 at 01:23 PM

SS

“ I'll be forever grateful for the time we spent together the last moments we shared a couple of summers ago. Aunt Joanne and Uncle Wayne invited Jan, Matt and I to visit with Aunt Loraine, Aunt Teresa, Uncle Vic. We had s grand time. Months later we shared with each other some of the difficulties in our lives. She told me she had the special prayer she said every day. I would like to share this prayer with you. "A Prayer for Healing" Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve you with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created now and forever. Amen. we will miss you. May the family find strength in her example. Love to you all. Susan Sauls your niece

Susan Sauls - March 21, 2018 at 11:17 AM

VB

I remember as a small child going to my Aunt Joanne's wedding. She looked so beautiful and it felt like I was in a fairytale. Even though our family lived far away, she always kept in touch over the years, even after our parents deaths. We love you and will miss you, our prayers to you all. Valerie Batten, one of your many nieces

Valerie Batten - March 21, 2018 at 02:12 PM

MD

“ I will miss our Aunt Joanne, she genuinely cared about how you were doing and what you were up to. Always had a sweet smile to greet me. Wayne, I could tell how much you two loved eachother. You would come over to dad and moms with family news or just to say hello. We always looked forward to seeing both of you. Her light has stopped shining here, and as I gaze up at the stars, I will remember her sweet smile and that twinkle in her eyes. Heaven has her back now, and yet my heart hurts for our families loss. Thanks for the memories aunt Joanne.



Monsae Dupuis - March 20, 2018 at 11:55 PM

LS

“ Aunt Joanne, my earliest memory of you was staying with you and Uncle Wayne at your house on Rosewood while my mom was having one of my siblings. You were a loving sister to my mom and wonderful aunt to my cousins and me.

Laurel Soper - March 20, 2018 at 12:39 PM

CD

“ You always greeted everyone with a smile. Will miss seeing you and Uncle Wayne when you came to Michigan, always had good conversations.

Cheryl Dupuis - March 20, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ I remember the family reunions we had at your farm. Riding the horses and going out on the hayrides are great memories I have of the generosity of the Dressler Family for hosting all of us. Sorry for your loss.

Shelly Dupuis - March 20, 2018 at 06:46 AM

KS

“ Aunt Joanne was such a great person. Sweet and kind. We will miss her.

Karen Schmidt - March 19, 2018 at 09:33 PM

AM

“ Aunt Joanne we will miss you at the family reunions and future family gathering, and hold dear in my heart the many awesome and joyful memories of family reunions at your house, the covertly competitive volley ball games, Popsicles handed out with your special smile and a soft "anybody want a Popsicle?" ..Thank you for being such a wonderful Godmother .. you used to send me gifts and I remember when you sent me a purse..I felt so grown-up and special...love always Aunt Joanne xoxo may you rest in God's peace and love!



Alice Morrison - March 19, 2018 at 07:18 PM

BS

“ Bill Spriggs lit a candle in memory of Joanne M. Dressler



Bill Spriggs - March 19, 2018 at 07:07 PM

BS

Joanne was my aunt and one of the most clever, fun, elegant and considerate women I've ever met. I'll remember her for the rest of my life she was more than an aunt she was my inspiration, rest easy now you are with grandma and your family. Bill Spriggs Your other baby brother

Bill Spriggs - March 19, 2018 at 07:17 PM

KP

“ *Joanne was my co-worker at Riverside for many years. She was also my mentor, my daughters' godmother, and above all else, my very dear friend. I will miss her so, so much! My sincere sympathy to Wayne and family.*

Kathy Petersen

Kathy Petersen - March 19, 2018 at 06:54 PM

CM

“ *What a great lady and she was such a comfortable person to talk with. You will be missed and I'll never forget your great smile.*

Chuck McNulty - March 19, 2018 at 04:50 PM

JC

“ *Our Thoughts and prayers are with you Wayne and Your family. We have had so many good memories with you both on our trips. We have been a lot of places together. You are such wonderful people and she will be missed.*

Carl & Jan Coleman

Jan & Carl Coleman - March 19, 2018 at 04:14 PM



PZ

“ *Thinking of the Dresslers. Aunt Joanne will always have a warm place in my heart. She will truly be missed.*

Patricia Zokal - March 19, 2018 at 02:43 PM





i will miss her.

Michael Shea - March 20, 2018 at 10:09 AM