



E Joanne Cross

February 1, 1931 - March 28, 2020

E. Joanne Cross, 89 of Murphysboro, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020 at her home.

She was born February 1, 1931 to Carl A. and Ethel (Hiller) Parrish.

Joanne married Norman C. Cross on January 6, 1956 in Carbondale. He preceded her on July 7, 1987.

She had attended Monticello Women's College in Godfrey and later took courses at SIU-Carbondale. She held many positions in office management including secretarial in various law firms in Alton and Carbondale. She had also been an editorial clerk for the Southern Illinois Newspaper.

Joanne enjoyed being involved with the Stage Company and making costumes for the plays. She also made costumes for school plays when her children were involved. She loved to sew.

She received her real estate license and started a whole new career. She became involved with the John A. Logan Museum in 1987 until she retired in 2019 due to her health.

She is survived by her three daughters, Martha Slaybaugh of Smyrna, TN; Norma "Sam" Thies and Melissa (JD) Reiman, both of Murphysboro; five granddaughters, Jessica (Ben) Kranawetter; Jamie Reiman; Allison (John) Harris; Jennifer (Kris) Cianci and Brooke Cross; three grandsons, Adam (Franny) Rogers; Steven McNeil and Chase Cross; great-granddaughters, Savannah Ford; Haley Kranawetter; Audryna Harris; Elayna Harris; Arabella Cianci; Giselle Cianci; Airyana Caves; Emma Rogers; Carley Gale and Amiryam Pearl Harris, to arrive in May; great-grandsons, Isaac Kranawetter; Mason Kranawetter; Ethan Kranawetter, Korbyn Gale and Keegan Cianci; her beloved furbaby, Nosey; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and a son, Carl N. Cross, who is waiting at Heavens gates for her.

The family will host a Celebration of Life at a later date.

The family would like to thank Holly Gates for her beloved support and kindness throughout this difficult time. Mom was so grateful for your compassion and for you respecting her choices.

Memorials can be made to John A. Logan Museum, 1613 Edith St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Mom was a well rounded, well educated woman who taught her children alot about life. Life isn't always fair, you just have to make it on what you have and make the best of it. She is at peace now, no more pain, no more struggles. Mom, make the best of it, because you have the best of it now. We love you!!

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ To the family of Joann, I am so sorry for your loss! She was such an incredible person! Growing up across the street I remember how kind she was to my parents and me. She always had a good story to share. I loved her independent nature and how she took on the world.

Laura Glotfelty Ebersohl - June 14 at 03:21 PM



“ This lady was the most wonderful story-teller I believe I have ever met! When she talked about the past, it abosolutely came to life! As a fellow history buff, I greatly appreciated her talent. She is greatly missed!

Laura Varner - May 15 at 10:47 PM



“ Sam & Melissa so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers!

Lori Harper - April 02 at 10:06 AM



“ Fond memories of Joanne when she was active with the Stage Company. May she rest in everlasting peace and joy. Mary Beth Hileman

Mary Beth Hileman - March 31 at 05:50 PM



“ Such a nice lady, always happy to see you. She and my mother were good friends, and I thought a lot of her too. Hope they are having a gabfest right now.

Cathy Hines-Boulton - March 30 at 11:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of E Joanne Cross.



March 30 at 08:56 PM



“ Joanne was my father's only sister and we have always shared a special bond. She had beautiful handwriting and still wrote letters by hand. I love her and am going to miss our talks on the phone. She is in Heaven now with her parents, husband and son, and they are rejoicing there. Not sure my dad's waiting there or not. :) Love, Gail Parrish Ellet

Gail Ellet - March 30 at 01:29 PM