



## Joan Cavaness (Graves) Edwards

September 3, 1929 - December 20, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan Cavaness (Graves) Edwards

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Joan Cavaness (Graves) Edwards, age 95, of Anna, passed away on Friday, December 20, 2024 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born September 3, 1929 to Joe M. and Lena Mae (Cavaness) Graves in Mounds, Illinois. She lived in Southern Illinois all her life, moving to Anna at age 2.

Joan worked at Choate Mental Health as an LPN Administrative and worked as a Dietary and Purchasing Agent for Head Start. She was a member of Mount Moriah Lutheran Church. She was a community servant of the highest caliber and her proudest achievement was having the Heliport at the Union County Hospital named after her due to her efforts in securing it for Union County as a Hospital Board Member for 25 years and was always an outspoken advocate of Union County. She was a member of several organizations, such as the Daughters of the Union Veterans, the Masonic

Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, where she held the honor of Past Worthy High Priestess, a Kentucky Colonel of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, a commission of distinction that can only be given by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and most of all, she will always be remembered by many, as the Red Hat Society, Queen-Mom.

Survivors include her sons, Quinn Edwards and Jason Edwards; daughters-in-law, Holly Wohlwend and Katie Edwards; stepdaughter, Mary Lenigk; five grandchildren, Savannah Edwards, Kamryn Glasco, Joseph (Meghan) Wohlwend, Elizabeth (Dominic) Pietoso, Brynn Edwards; and four great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Major Louis Joe Wohlwend; granddaughter, Jackie Edwards; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Anna with eulogy by family and friends. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Anna City Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home, Anna, Illinois is in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Anna Cemetery

E Davie St  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-4083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

## Interment

DEC **23**. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (cst)

Anna Cemetery  
E Davie St  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-4083

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Joan many, many years ago when we were both making genealogy copies at the Bunny Bread Bakery. She helped me with some genealogy and we kept in touch and met a couple times over the years. I found she was a wonderful and knowledgeable person..  
Condolence to her family. Carole Kinder Watkins

Carole Watkins - January 16, 2025 at 01:34 PM

SF

“ I worked at Union County Hospital when Joan's mother was in the hospital, Joan would ask me to stay with her mother while she went home "for a few minutes," so her mother would not be by herself. Joan was a very sweet and kind person. I will keep you, her family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sharon Farris

Sharon Farris - December 23, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TC

“ Teresa Cunningham-Lusk lit a candle in memory of Joan Edwards



Teresa Cunningham-Lusk - December 23, 2024 at 09:34 AM