



Joanne Sue Greathouse

February 9, 1948 - March 12, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Joanne Sue Greathouse

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Joanne Sue Greathouse, 75, of Murphysboro, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at her residence.

She was born to Martin (Mike) Richard and Mary Louise Abbadusky Ludwig on February 9, 1948, she grew up on a farm near Ellisville, Illinois.

After graduating from Spoon River Valley High School, she finished her undergraduate work at Carthage College and completed training in Radiologic Technology at Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois in Peoria. She later obtained graduate degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and The College of William and Mary. She worked and married George D. Greathouse, on June 5, 1971. He predeceased her in 2007.

Joanne worked at Virginia Commonwealth Virginia Commonwealth University

and chair of the Department of Radiation Sciences. They moved to Chicago in 1997 when she joined the staff of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology; she became Chief Executive Officer of the agency in 1998. After “retiring” to Arizona in 2007, she accepted a position as Program Director of the Radiography Program at Apollo (now Carrington) College. She was a frequent presenter at state, national, and international conferences; the recipient of numerous professional awards; and an author of books, book chapters, and many professional articles. She participated in and was a leader of many professional and academic groups and was a life member of the Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists, a Fellow of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and a Fellow of the Association of Educators in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences.

Music was an integral part of her life. Joanne played piano; played French horn with many community groups, including the Hanover County (Virginia) Community Band, the West Valley Pops, the Sun City Concert Band, the Sun City Chamber Orchestra, and the West Valley Wind Ensemble. She sang with the Richmond Choral Society, the West Valley Chorale, and several church choirs. She was an avid sports fan and followed the Los Angeles Dodgers since a small child. After moving to Arizona, she followed many Arizona teams: the Diamondbacks, the Cardinals, the Coyotes, and the Rattlers.

She had 3 siblings, all of whom predeceased her: William Ralph Ludwig, Linda Abbadusky, and Mary Ellen Mays. She was also predeceased by her nephew Michael Abbadusky.

She is survived by her niece, Michelle Corzine (Dave); great nieces Katlin (Eric) Howard, Cheyenne Abbadusky, Mackenzie Jo Watson, and Gabrielle Watson; and by step-nieces Lynette Pikul (Mike) Breeden, Dr. Kristen (Jacob) James and great-great niece Jada Abbadusky-Howard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the George and Joanne Greathouse Scholarship Fund at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Arrangements are pending at this time. A memorial service is planned in Sun City, Arizona at a later date.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am so sorry to be confirming the suspected loss of JoAnne at this time. Joyce and I managed a short visit with her at her favorite BBQ joint while vacationing in Arizona in 2017. Since that time we traded some emails until the last one I received a few years ago where she briefly described her condition and indicated that she was relocating to Illinois.

While she had many accolades and achievements, She and her husband George were just incredibly generous and sweet, sweet people that are sorely missed.

Allen and Joyce Martin

Allen Martin - August 19, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *Joanne Sue Greathouse*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

KN

“ *Just learned of her death in March 2023. We were good friends of both her and her late Husband in the Petersburg Jaycees. Both are missed.*

Kim Newlin - August 16, 2023 at 06:11 PM

PD

“ *I was one of Joanne's sorority sisters at Carthage. I always looked forward to the yearly newsletter that she compiled every December and will miss reading messages from the rest of the sisters. RIP, Joanne. Pat*

Patricia Dolan - April 06, 2023 at 11:11 AM

RC

“ Michelle, so sorry to hear of your aunts passing, prayers for you and your family

Rosemary Cornell - March 17, 2023 at 10:27 PM

BW

“ Sincere sympathies to the family. Joanne's contributions to the Imaging Sciences will not be forgotten.



BETH L WEBER - March 16, 2023 at 09:28 AM

ST

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of such a wonderful person. I have such wonderful memories of Joanne. My life was richer for having known her just a bit.

Stephanie - March 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

AB

“ Another classmate (at Carthage) & sorority sister. She always compiled & sent out a newsletter to our sisters, much appreciated, I'm sure we will all miss that.

Ann Bricker - March 15, 2023 at 09:36 PM

KT

“ Joanne and I were class mates. Always enjoyed her smartness. She was always top of her class, she will be greatly missed.

Kay Van Tine - March 15, 2023 at 11:23 AM

CJ

“*Joanne Jo Jo as my late husband called her I will miss seeing your Posts on Face Book. Because we lived so far apart we had not seen each other since Aunt Dorma's concert. We had such a nice visit afterwards. So many happy memories. Rest in peace my dear friend and tell Gary I miss him.*

Carol Johnson - March 14, 2023 at 10:08 AM