



Joan C. Downey

August 22, 1931 - November 12, 2018

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RACINE - Joan (nee: Treffert) Downey, 87, passed away peacefully at North Point Senior Living Center in Kenosha, on Monday, November 12, 2018. She was born in Fond Du Lac, WI on August 22, 1931, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Johanna (Vermeer) Treffert.

Joan was united in marriage to James Downey on May 5, 1950 in Corinth, Mississippi.

She completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology at UW Parkside in 1988. Joan was a member of First Reformed Church for 55 years, before moving to Colorado, where she attended New Hope Church. She also was a member of Psi Chi Sorority. Joan was a crisis counselor for the district attorney's office in Racine and had been a substitute teacher with Racine Unified School District. She enjoyed baking, cooking and decorating and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed reading and bible studies.

Joan is survived by her two daughters, Linda (Rick) Lindeman of FL and Roxe Ann Neal of WI; son, Jon (Melissa) Downey of CO; grandchildren, Jolyn Nelson, Erica Davis, Raymond Neal, Macey Downey and Parker Downey; great grandsons, Drewek Nelson and Chase Davis. She is further survived by brothers, Lowell (Betty) Treffert, Bob (Marilyn) Treffert, Ron Treffert and Gary (Betty) Treffert; sisters, Audrey (Jed) Peck, Arlene Rieckoff and Karen (Ron) Myrland; nieces, nephews, and many loving friends in CO and WI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Downey on March 2, 1980, son, James R. Downey on May 22, 1979; sisters, Jean Sather, Sandy Niesen and son-in-law Tim Neal.

She will be laid to rest next to her husband and son in a private ceremony at West Lawn Memorial Park.

In keeping with Joan's wishes a celebration of life will be held at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Dr. on Saturday December 1, 2018. Prayers and a time for sharing Joan's life will be from 11 a.m. to noon. Followed with Joan's favorite "Pizza."

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Joan in a special way, may direct memorials to the American Vets or to Hospice Alliance, 10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 has been suggested.

Joan will be remembered for her friendship and love she showed to everyone.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Infusino's Banquet Hall
3201 Rapids Drive
Racine, WI 53404

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan C. Downey.*



November 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *Joan, my dear friend, you will always have a special place in my heart. I hope to live my life as you lived yours. You always treated others with such respect and love. I'll always remember how you beamed with such great pride as you talked about your family, they learned from you how to be the wonderful people they are. Rest In Peace. I know you will watch over us from heaven.*



Monica Goodfellow - November 20, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Joan was one of the kindest, wisest and most generous women I have ever known. I feel so very blessed to have had her as a wonderful mother-in-law and Nana to my children for over 28 years. I miss you dearly Joan!*

Melissa Downey - November 17, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ *Tutti, You were one of my favorite moms. RIP Jerri (Jorgensen) Knautz*

Jerri Knautz - November 15, 2018 at 09:42 PM

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Hi Jerri, She would love this!!

Roxe Ann Neal - November 16, 2018 at 02:50 PM

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“ *I treasure Joan’s friendship. I think she would agree when I say that there is no friendship like those of sisters in the family of God. During our visits the topic of conversation often revolved around two subjects. Her well-loved family and her hunger to understand and apply Gods Word to her daily thoughts and life. They were excellent and worthy conversations that brought us comfort and much enjoyment.*

Our neighborhood Bible Studies were enriched by Joan’s wisdom each week. When Joan hosted study, she treated us like royalty. Her preparations and lavish generosity were something I will always remember

The welcome happy thought right now is that she is well once again.

My sympathy and love to you all

Paula Burrill

Paula Burrill - November 15, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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Thanks Paula, She loved you dearly! Roxe Ann

Roxe Ann Neal - November 16, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan C. Downey.*



November 15, 2018 at 05:16 PM

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“ Mom, Miss you so much already! All my Love....Roxe Ann xoxox

Roxe Ann Neal - November 15, 2018 at 10:54 AM

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Tutti, you were one of my favorite moms💕💕 RIP Jerri (Jorgensen)
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Jerri Knautz - November 15, 2018 at 08:41 PM