



JoAnne Murphy

September 13, 1949 - January 19, 2020

Ridgeway – JoAnne Murphy, age 70, of Ridgeway, passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2020 after battling kidney disease for many years.

The daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Cullen) Murphy, JoAnne was born on September 13, 1949 and raised in Ridgeway. She graduated as a proud member of the Class of 1967 and maintained lifelong friendships with her classmates. She went to the University of Milwaukee earning her Bachelors and Masters degrees, followed by further graduate studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. JoAnne worked for McGlynn Bakeries and MedSource Technologies in Minneapolis.

JoAnne enjoyed reading, watching movies and Jeopardy. She volunteered at Grace Methodist Church in Ridgeway as a holy roller on pasty day for many years and made many good friends there. She was a member of the Ridgeway American Legion Auxiliary. She was active with the Hyde Historic Territory and the Iowa County Historic Society.

Joanne is survived by her six brothers: Michael (Millie) of Frederick, MD, Jim (Kay Van Epps) of Ridgeway, Tom (Kate) of Cross Plains, Mark (Terry) of Charlotte, NC, Patrick (Joyce) of Minnetonka, MN, and Ed (Lori) of Dodgeville; many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and niece Ellen Murphy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 803 Main St., Ridgeway. The Fr. Stephen C. Petrica will officiate. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Saturday at the church.

Cemetery Details

St. Bridget's Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church
803 Main Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

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Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnne Murphy*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Murphy family on JoAnne's passing. I remember how much my Mother liked JoAnne and when JoAnne used to come into the store and how they used to joke around. I also remember JoAnne and Ronnie graduated the same year from HS and how close our families were. Wishing all you comfort during this difficult time. Sincerely, MJ Everson*

Mary Everson - February 01, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Murphy siblings of JoAnne, so sorry for your loss of your sister. Hopefully your memories will help you during this difficult time.*

Kathy Ayers - January 24, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of JoAnne's passing. She was always upbeat and willing to help no matter what the circumstances might be. Keeping her in our prayers.*

Dick & Judy Alfred

Judy Alfred - January 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of JoAnne Murphy.*



January 23, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about JoAnne. We were together for 7 yrs in grade school in Ridgeway. Then it was off to Dodgeville, Thanks for the friendship MURPH.*

Mary Pam Cutler - January 22, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ *JoAnne was the first person I met when this city girl moved to Ridgeway. I didn't know anyone here and I approached her at an event at the park. She was friendly, talkative, knowledgeable and introduced me to several people and of course, invited me to morning coffee at Porky's. Due to her kindness, I did show up and the rest is history. I will miss her sense of humor, her smile, her stories of growing up with SIX brothers and all the joy and enthusiasm she brought to life every day. We are all better people for having known JoAnne. Thank you for the wonderful gift of your friendship.*

Roberta Alan

Roberta Alan - January 21, 2020 at 08:38 AM

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“ Dear Jim and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of JoAnne's passing. I have very funny and great memories of JoAnne. We had P.E. together at Dodgeville High School . All we had to do was look at one another and we would get the giggles so bad the PE teacher would send us to the locker room! I called her Murph the Surf. JoAnne made PE class the best ever! We also were very good volley ball partners. She will be missed. She was always upbeat and happy. She is Blessed! Know that your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Respectfully, Christine Rasmussen Gunderson

Christine Gunderson - January 20, 2020 at 07:25 PM

JY

“ Down on the farm, when I worked Aides Supper Club (1964-1974) JoAnne babysat for me! Supper would be ready and she had to get it on the table for the kids and John before milking! I had a hand crank can opener on the wall, it was awful to use, so JoAnne told John I needed a new one before I got a hernia! That Christmas I got an under-the-counter spankin' white electric one! JoAnne was so happy! When we moved from the farm that opener came with and John put it up in the new house, in 1982! It is still here and 38 yrs later it still WORKS! Think of JoAnne everytime I use it!

Judy Yager - January 20, 2020 at 12:41 PM