



Joan E. Karr

July 4, 1948 - July 3, 2017

Joan E. Karr, 68, of Conestoga, passed away on Monday, July 3, 2017 at her residence. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Clayton and Mary Jane (Gingrich) Aument. Joan was the wife of James B. "Jim" Karr with whom she celebrated 46 years of marriage this past September 19th.

Joan retired as the Care Director at Hempfield United Methodist Church where she was a life long charter member. Her passion was caring for others in need. She has touched countless lives over the years. Family was her greatest joy, especially her four grandchildren. She loved the mountains and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren at the family cabin. Her heart was always at peace there. She left a legacy of love, kindness and faith that will continue to live through the lives she has touched. Heaven has gained a very special angel.

Surviving in addition to her husband Jim, are two daughters, Kristy Drover, wife of Benjamin of Lancaster and Kelly Reppert of Millersville; four grandchildren, Maya and Jack Drover of Lancaster and Grace and Noah Reppert of Millersville; and a brother, Clayton Aument of Washington Boro.

A memorial service honoring Joan's life will be held at the Hempfield United Methodist Church, 3050 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the

service from 10 AM to 11 AM and again after the service at the church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hempfield UM Church c/o Care Ministry 3050 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Jim, I am Loretta (Aument) Kelly's daughter, Darla. I just found out today of the passing of Joan. The entire Kelly family is deeply sadden by the news of Joan's passing and we are very sorry that we did not have the opportunity express our sympathy in person. When mom was in the hospital several years ago Joanie (as we called her) came to visit her and it brightened her day. You and your family are in our thoughts. She was a very special person and the world is a better place because of her. With deepest Sympathy, Darla Kelly and all of the Kelly family.

Darla Kelly - August 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Jim & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is breaking for all of you! Joan was a very good friend, and we had so many good laughs at work!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time!!

Coleen and Angela Waybright - July 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ we met Joan at are first Bi-Polar Meeting she was a very kind and caring person. she was there to help Sandy and everyone else who needed her help. Now she will be missed by everyone. She is angle.

Darlene and Vic Tamanini - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Joan E. Karr

Doug and Mary Brown - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Joan.*

Ruth Heisey, David Heisey, Barbara Heffley and families - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *My deepest condolence to Joan's family. I know what it is like to grieve the loss of your spouse. Last year my husband got mouth cancer and passed away Sept. 22, 2017. Joan was always sending me cards to remind me I was always in her prayers. I would also send her cards letting her know that she was in my prayers especially when her cancer got worse and all the problems with the treatments. I didn't know of her passing till it was announced in church this morning but I felt the loss. I will miss her very much. She was a very sweet lady and Heaven got a beautiful Angel.*

Stacia Lincoln - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Joan E. Karr*

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JG

“ *Dear Jim, So sorry to hear about your loss of Joan. Being in Florida and out of touch, I did not know of her illness. Heaven has gained an angel. We will keep you and your family in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. Blessings, John and Carly Groff*

John Groff - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ To Mr Jim Karr, Kristy, Kelly and Family, Our deepest condolences to all of you. What a heartfelt neighbor and whose two lovely daughters we were able to watch growing up in their younger years. May you rest in peace. Your fond memory will live on.
Respectfully, Eleanor J Bencak and Family

Eleanor Bencak and Family - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Joan E. Karr

Beverly and Steve Cox - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Joan's precious kind and caring words and prayers offered to our family by Joan during Steve's illness will never be forgotten! Her caring prayer, healing words lifted me up upon his cancer diagnosis and she was truly the Lord's hands and feet on this earth! They gave me strength and clarity and what my next step should be during that very stressful time!! She is a faithful disciple and Heaven rejoices as we mourn her loss her on this earth. May He provide for your comfort and peace as you go through these days and have these precious memories bring you strength in the coming days!
Love you all

Beverly and Steve Cox - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Our condolences to all of Joan's loved ones ! Although shocked to see her name in the obituary - it allowed us to reminisce about the times since childhood , where her parents & mine were best of friends . We have great memories of Sinnamahoning , and many family get togethers , especially Christmas eves . Sincerely Kirsten & Ned Bishop

Kirsten & Ned Bishop - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Denise & Tom Hall - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Joan was one of the first people I met when I came to HUMC. She was very welcoming and made me feel at home. During the time I had surgery, Joan called every day and made sure I had everything I needed when I returned home. She will be missed as will her beautiful smile, her sweet words and her oh so comforting hugs. Rest In Peace Joan.*

Sharon Meringer - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Sharon Meringer - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Joan. She was a great person. She will be missed by so many. Gere and Jim Barley.*

Gere Barley - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Jami - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ Thoughts and sympathy to Joan's family. Remembering fond memories of a high school classmate with a kind and sweet spirit. A 1966 Donegal classmate from Omaha Nebraska

Gerri Mummau Zimmerman - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Wishing you peace and love! You are all in my thoughts. I'm so sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a beautiful angel! Love, Tom, Jess and Cassidy

Jessica keemer tom Whitsel and cassidy - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Joan E. Karr

Jessica keemer - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Joan E. Karr

Tom Fries - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To Joan's family, Joan and I have been lifelong friends. We spent much time together through elementary school, high school, and beyond. She was my "standard date" for our high school reunions. I spent time as a kid going along to the cabin in the mountains she loved so much. Her life lived with love and grace leaves a legacy for us all. Fly high, my friend! Love and prayers for the family. Love, Cindy Hofsass

Cindy Hofsass - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Jim, Kristy, Kelly and all your beautiful extended family, I was shocked and so deeply saddened when I opened the paper this morning. I hadn't been in touch with Joan for a number of years now, so didn't know what was going on with her health-wise. What stands out for me with her is that-in spite of the THOUSANDS of people she constantly ministered to-it was you all that she talked most about to me. I mean, for a person given to others as significantly as she was, I always knew you guys were first and foremost in her heart. And that's a rare combination. I can still feel her presence as I leaned over her at her computer in the church office one morning and watched her correct spelling on a document we were working on. And that beautiful woman had a way with machines, too! I'd struggle and struggle with a paper jam in the copier, and she'd walk over and clear it in three seconds. I think machines obeyed her. And she could keep people in line. Like ME, when after a 12-hr work Sunday, ending with a rowdy youth rehearsal in the sanctuary and some music and McDonald wrappers left on the pews (I was beat and had planned to come back the next morning to clean it all up), she was horrified at the disorder in God's House when she came upon it that Monday morning and let me know it! But oh my, when she called me "Lovey," every fiber in my heart melted, and I think that was every time I saw her. And when I left HUMC and went to New York City for my masters program, it was her beautifully decorated box of loving notes for every day of the year that kept me going. I know I don't have to tell any of you that while heaven has received one of its most beautiful and cherished saints, it's the pits on this side of the veil for those who are left behind. I know how badly it hurts. I will be out of town for a week beginning tomorrow, so I will miss celebrating this beautiful life with you on Monday. But please know I am very near to you in spirit, hugging you, mourning her, lifting up her incredible legacy of caregiving (including my niece in particular). Dear Joan, dear Joan, dear Joan, how very much we will miss you!

Lisa Bair - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Angie Greenawalt/Aeriel Hjelm - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Jill and Tim Argie - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Joan E. Karr*

Kathee Horn - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM