



Joann West

August 4, 1947 - February 10, 2025

To join the livestream of Joann's funeral service, please select the link below. The broadcast will begin at 12:55 P.M. Saturday afternoon, February 15, 2025. The service livestream will be archived for 90 days from the date of the service for later viewing.

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Joann West, age 77 years, a resident of Grand Chain, Illinois, and a former resident of Milan, Tennessee, passed away Monday morning, February 10, 2025, at 4:22 A.M. at NHC HealthCare in Dickson, Tennessee.

Joann was born August 4, 1947 in Pulaski County, Illinois. She was the ninth child and fifth daughter of Joshua West and Daisy (Fisher) West. Joann grew up in Grand Chain, Illinois. She attended Grand Chain School and graduated from Century High School in 1965. Following graduation, Joann worked as a secretary and then as a quality assurance specialist for the Department of Defense in Joliet, Illinois and Milan Army Ammunitions Plant in Milan, Tennessee.

While working, Joann attended Jackson State and then Bethel College, earning a degree in business.

Family and friends will most remember Joann for her friendly personality and happy smile. Her laughter was contagious and would soon have everyone else laughing along. Joann loved shopping and after early retirement, opened her own shop in Milan, Tennessee. She kept her shop "Appalachian Country" open for 20 years prior to her retirement. She sold her home in Milan and bought a home in Grand Chain, the small town where her heart always remained.

Joann had a special place in her heart for her mother, her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews...and they all loved Aunt Joann.

Joann loved vacationing, especially in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents, siblings – Bruce, Gene, Sue, Jack and Gail. She is survived by a brother – Langley and 3 sisters – Luella Thomason, Jane Winterbottom, and Patsy Stetter.

Joann had a beautiful voice. Her singing and smile will be missed.

Funeral services honoring the life of Joann West will be held Saturday afternoon, February 15, 2025 at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tammy Horn will officiate.

Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Autoimmune Association, 19176 Hall Road, Suite 130, Clinton Township, MI 48038 or online by visiting www.autoimmune.org.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

Friendship Church Road
Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Joann West



Bobby Rentfro - February 22, 2025 at 05:32 AM

HB

“ Howard and Sharlene Bond purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joann West.



Howard and Sharlene Bond - February 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

HB

“ Howard and Sharlene Bond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann West.

Howard and Sharlene Bond - February 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

DD

“ We are very sad to hear of Joann’s passing. She was a wonderful coworker and friend - always helpful, always positive. She was always very kind to us and our family. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Dave and Jennifer Duncan

Dave Duncan - February 14, 2025 at 08:43 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry to learn of Joann’s passing. She was one of my best friends all through our elementary and high school years at Grand Chain and Century. She will be missed❤️😭



Betty Ryan - February 13, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DL

“ Debbie, Quinn, Mel and Lori and Leanne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joann West.



Debbie, Quinn, Mel and Lori and Leanne - February 13, 2025 at 05:27 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear Joann had passed.. Thoughts and prayers are with her Family.

Cheryl Harris - February 12, 2025 at 11:03 PM

CW

“ One of my favorite memories of Aunt Jo was in the den at her previous house. Madison and I had blown up balloons and were playing "keep as many in the air at all costs." Aunt Jo played right along, giggling and flailing, and that is some of the hardest I've ever laughed.

She has always been a resilient encouragement. We all go through hard times, but none of us have to become them. Aunt Jo and her sisters have always been a testament to the choice we have, to laugh.

Carly J. Weiss - February 12, 2025 at 01:44 PM

KF

“ *Kimberly Conti Mica - Stetter and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joann West.*



Kimberly Conti Mica - Stetter and family - February 12, 2025 at 09:50 AM

DW

“ *She was a career woman and a college student at the same time. Her home was always open to visitors, and I don't ever remember her being too busy for us. When vacation time came, I guess she could have traveled anywhere she wanted. Fortunately for her extended family, it was usually spent bringing her mother to see us. How blessed we were with our Aunts and Uncles in the West family, and how wonderful was our time with Aunt Joann!*

Dawn White - February 11, 2025 at 11:57 PM

GS

Joann I will always miss you. I always had a great time coming to see you, Luella and Grandma West. The times at the picnic's were also great. Joann you and my aunts and uncles were always a pleasure to be around and are all loved very much and will always have a special place in my heart!!! Gary Stetter

Gary Stetter - February 12, 2025 at 06:26 AM

DR

A beautiful gem of a lady, friend, and coworker..... always smiling..... We could hear her in the hallways at work and recognized her contagious laugh., before she ever appeared. We always welcomed that a ray of sunshine that was about to appear. How privileged to have known her mother, Mrs. Daisy and fellow coworker, Luella. Blessings to all her remaining family.

Diane Reasons - February 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM

WF

“ *Willie, Karen and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joann West.*



Willie, Karen and Family - February 11, 2025 at 09:06 PM

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