



Joanne Bernetta Phillips

August 10, 1937 - July 4, 2015

Joanne Bernetta Hellriegel was born August 10, 1937 in Waconia, MN, the daughter of Richard and Gladys (Klatt) Hellriegel. She grew up in East Union, MN and attended country school. Joanne graduated from Chaska High School.

Joanne began work at the Land O' Lakes Company as a telephone operator. While at Land O' Lakes Joanne met Hugh Phillips. On November 7, 1959 the two were united in marriage at Carver, MN. The couple made their home in Medford, WI briefly before moving to Owatonna, MN in 1961. They began raising their family and were blessed with three children, Wendy, Kristine and Kurt. Joanne took a job as executive secretary at Conoco in Minneapolis. They also lived in south Minneapolis and New Hope, MN before moving to Brainerd, MN in 1985. In 1986 Joanne took a job as secretary to the principal at Washington Middle School in Brainerd. This was a job that Joanne absolutely loved and missed greatly when she retired in 2006.

Joanne kept very busy throughout her life. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed snowmobiling, cross country skiing, golfing, flower gardening and camping with Hugh and her family. She spent time volunteering at her church and singing in the church choir. Joanne was a skilled seamstress and sewed much of her children's clothing. She also crocheted and did crafts.

Joanne loved having her family over and loved entertaining; she was an excellent cook and made sure her kitchen was the center of all the fun. She is known for her bran muffins, candied sweet potatoes, seven layer bars and

pecan pie. She loved playing cards and always had a board game out on the table. Joanne was very proud of her children and grandchildren; she loved spending time with them and loved having fun with them. Joanne loved Hugh and her family very much.

On Saturday, July 4, 2015, Joanne died doing what she loved best; having fun with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents. Joanne is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Hugh Phillips of Alexandria; daughters, Wendy Nies and husband, Mike, of Alexandria and Kristine Gobel and husband, James, of Hayward, WI; son, Kurt Phillips and wife, Rita, of Boone, IA; grandchildren, Daniel Nies, Angela Einerson, Bryce Phillips, Blaine Phillips, Brant Phillips and Cassandra Gobel; great grandchildren, Elsie Einerson and Lincoln Nies; one sister, Kathleen Heimkes and husband, Richard, of New Brighton, MN; and two brothers, David Hellriegel and wife, Linda, of East Union, MN and William Hellriegel and wife, Sharon, of Santa Maria, CA.

A funeral service will be held 11 AM Friday, July 10, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Reverend Hans Dahl will officiate. Interment will be in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley, MN. Honorary casket bearers include all of Joanne's grandchildren. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at church.

Memorials will be donated towards the purchase of a golf cart to aid in transportation of physically disabled persons to and from the services at Luther Crest.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 763-5900
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Visitation

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
605 Douglas
Alexandria, MN 56308

Funeral Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Alexandria, MN 56308

Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Joanne Bernetta Phillips



Anderson Funeral Home - July 08, 2015 at 04:59 PM

SK

“ We met Joanne and Hugh in Texas. Texas won't be the same without them. They always brightened up any event they attended. They also visited us in Owatonna when they visited friends down there. They will be missed at the pig roast, something Jo really liked
I did crafts with Jo she was always excited to learn a new craft or share something she had done with others. I will miss her sweet positive and helpful spirit.
It has been our pleasure and honor to have spent time with both Jo and Hugh.
Hugh, we pray that the Lord will be with you and your family during this difficult time and that He will grant you all His peace and love.
Prayers and Blessings
Wayne and Sandy Kilgren



sandy kilgren - July 09, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



July 09, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



July 09, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *Love Keith, Maren, and Gavin Moseng purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



Love Keith, Maren, and Gavin Moseng - July 09, 2015 at 10:31 AM

JS

“ Scott and I met Jo at the annual Pig Roast on Fenson Park in Loveland, Colorado. She was such fun as is her entire family! She and I had something in common. We are both named "Joanne" spelled the same way which is unusual. We will miss seeing her and pray that Wendy, Mike, Dan and the entire family find peace knowing Jo herself is at peace. We love you guys.

Joanne and Scott Fenton

Joanne and Scott - July 08, 2015 at 08:48 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Anderson Funeral Home - July 08, 2015 at 04:53 PM

CH

“ Wendy, Angie, and family. So very sorry for the passing of your beloved mom and grandmother. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol Hughes - July 08, 2015 at 12:12 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Cordes-Barker lit a candle in memory of Joanne Bernetta Phillips*



Brenda Cordes-Barker - July 08, 2015 at 11:32 AM

BC

Dear Wendy and family, our very deepest thought and prayers going out to you and your family. I have no doubt she was a wonderful person because she raised a wonderful caring daughter. May she fly above the clouds on angels wings!
Matthew Cordes and Brenda Cordes-Barker

Brenda Cordes-Barker - July 08, 2015 at 11:35 AM



Hugh and family, May your memories bring you comfort and time bring you peace during this difficult time. Jerry and Karen (Bengtson) Richardson

Karen Richardson - July 08, 2015 at 11:42 PM

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“ *"Friends in the Hood" Indianhead Estates West, Loveland, CO purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



"Friends in the Hood" Indianhead Estates West, Loveland, CO - July 08, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



July 08, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



July 08, 2015 at 12:05 AM



“ *She was my beloved Aunt who has been there my whole life. She was a role model who always seemed larger than life to me. She was so strong and smart and beautiful and always did and said just what was true and honest. I was blessed to have her love and support throughout my childhood and even more blessed to have her as a friend in my adult years. I keep replaying a memory from last year at the Twins Stadium. Jo, Hugh, Tom and I tromping all over that stadium in the pouring rain. Of course we had to park as far away as possible (Thanks Tom)! But Jo walked around with the help of her cane a great big smile on her face and that wonderful laugh that will forever be ingrained in my brain. I don't like to think of a world without her in it but I know she is there loving all of her family and friends. I will miss you every day and love you longer.*
Cindy

Cynthia Miller - July 07, 2015 at 07:43 PM

JW

“ Sincere sympathy to Kurt, Rita, Bryce, Blaine, and Brant, and all the family of Mrs. Phillips. She was a very blessed grandma to have three amazing grandsons in Boone. Her influence on Kurt's family is a blessing to those of us in Boone who experience the joys of knowing the Phillips family.

Jeff Wells
Boone, IA

Jeff Wells - July 07, 2015 at 02:03 PM

CF

“ Chuck & Chris Johnson and Family purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.



Chuck & Chris Johnson and Family - July 06, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.



July 06, 2015 at 08:27 PM

NB

“ A vibrant woman full of the gift of grace. I was glad to have met her and experienced her undying love for her family and energy.

Nancy Berns - July 06, 2015 at 07:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Bernetta Phillips.*



July 06, 2015 at 02:41 PM