



Joanne Stanton Phillips

January 22, 1931 - January 20, 2019

Joanne Stanton Phillips, 87, of St. Joseph went to be with her Savior on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Hanson House in Lincoln Township, Michigan.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM on Friday, Jan 25, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 11 AM on Friday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Joanne was born on Jan 22, 1931 in Gary IN to Esther R. Knepper and John N. Stanton. She was married to her husband, James Gardner Phillips, from 1950 to 1973. Joanne was named Benton Harbor Fireman's Queen in 1951. In 1961 Joanne was the Vice-President and program chairman of the PTA council in which she served until 1969. She was also a member of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and volunteered at Fairplain West School reading to the students at "Story Time Hour". In 1963 she opened her business called "Custom-Maid House of Arts" which she operated for many years. In 1974 she accepted employment in the Admitting Dept at Mercy Hospital and later at Memorial/Lakeland and was there until 1995 when she retired. For the next five years she volunteered at the Information Desk at Lakeland. Her volunteering continued as she began to teach adult literacy reading classes.

Joanne was a Christian woman who helped with many church activities and activities in the community including the Cub Scout and Blossomtime when she was one of three judges to choose one of our Blossomtime Queens. Her hobbies include oil painting, knitting, scrap booking and gardening. The family wishes a special thanks for the love and care given by the staff at the Hospice Caring Circle.

Her family includes her daughter, Kristi (Jack) Bultema of Benton Harbor; her son, Jim (Laura) Phillips of Tempe, AZ; her 4 grandchildren, Rebecca Moore of Coloma, Mark Collins of Watervliet, Jamie Miller of Bridgman and Keith Bultema of South Haven; her 9 great grandchildren, Brian, Isaac, Kameron, Isabella, Jesse, Easton, Mason, Austin and Katelynn and her 2 great great grandchildren, Lola and Henry. She was preceded in death by her parents, her 2 sons, Mark and Gary, her sister, Janet Burich, her 2 brothers, Jack and James Stanton and her 1 grandchild, Matthew J. Phillips.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Services Celebrating Her Life

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 25. 2:30 PM (ET)

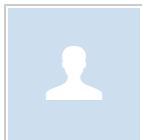
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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember that some of you used to attend the Freier Reunion. We will be having the reunion this summer on July 27th in Berrien Springs. If you would like more information please email me at graberschr@aol.com.
Cindy Graber Schroeder

Cindy Schroeder - January 26, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Joanne Stanton Phillips.



January 24, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne Stanton Phillips.



January 24, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Stanton Phillips.



January 24, 2019 at 01:26 PM

BS

“ God bless you and guide you thru this difficult time Kristi and Jim.

Bruce Steinke

Bruce Steinke - January 24, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joanne Stanton Phillips.



January 24, 2019 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ One of the sweetest and most gracious ladies ever met... Our deepest condolences...Robert and Ruby Rice-Grannell and family

Rice-Grannell family - January 24, 2019 at 11:22 AM

SJ

“ Aunt Kris - I have memories of visiting your mom when she lived in Fairplain. You would take me with you to visit her. Her home was always beautiful and I remember seeing her projects around the house. She was soft spoken and always smiling from ear to ear - always greeting me with sweetness just like you! I saw where you got your gentle and loving spirit. I know my interactions with her were brief, but numerous times throughout my life. Know that I have been carrying you all in my prayers. May Jesus carry you and provide peace during this difficult time. Although you will miss her, she is in better hands now and enjoying the presence of our heavenly father in the kingdom!

Shannon Jurgenson - January 24, 2019 at 11:06 AM

MC

“ Grandma I'm leaving you these last words to let you know that I love you and I will be missing you. we have so many memories that you will forever be in my heart until we meet again you will always be one of my best friends and biggest supporter's . I love you granny always your grandson MARK



mark collins - January 23, 2019 at 08:26 PM

CM

“ I have so many memories of Aunt Joanne especially visiting her and her family in the summertime. Her beautiful smile and laugh and how welcome she made us feel. I will always treasure those times.

Carolyn Stanton Mazurek - January 23, 2019 at 08:01 PM

JF

“ Janet (Stanton) and Andy Kelner and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joanne Stanton Phillips.



Janet (Stanton) and Andy Kelner and family - January 22, 2019 at 11:49 PM

LS

“ Linda Phillips Smith lit a candle in memory of Joanne Stanton Phillips



Linda Phillips Smith - January 22, 2019 at 05:41 PM