



Joan Landes vanVuuren

October 1, 1941 - May 26, 2011

Joan M. Landes vanVuuren, age 69, of Phoenixville, PA died Thursday afternoon, May 26, 2011 in the Phoenixville Hospital, Phoenixville, PA. Born in Phoenixville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Alvin S. Landes and Mari Baum Landes. Mrs. Landes vanVuuren was a graduate of the St. Pius X High School in Pottstown, PA. She worked for over 30 years as an administrator for the Schuylkill Township. Mrs. Landes vanVuuren is survived by one sister; Adrienne Landes Kirk, wife of Vincent L. Kirk, of Kimberton, PA, one brother; Barry George Landes, husband of the late Margaret C. Landes, of Boyertown, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Landes vanVuuren was pre-deceased by her infant son; Peter G. vanVuuren. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at the St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, Main Street at Third Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be the Rev. John J. News. Burial will be in the St. Ann Cemetery. Friends will be received from 10:00 - 10:45 AM Wednesday morning at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in her name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. The Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Happy birthday Aunt Joan in Heaven, we all miss you so.

Merrilee Kirk - October 01, 2016 at 09:43 AM

MB

“ Joan's death extinguishes a light that has warmed me for over fifty years. She was at the center of a circle of family and friends who relied upon her for friendship, good food and fellowship, merry holidays, and empathy. I know of no better cook. Halloween (her favorite holiday) and Christmas were always celebrated with gusto and newly-acquired decorations. She knew great pain in her life, particularly the death of her baby son. Her faith and resolve endured and enabled her to keep going in later life in the face of ill health. We had planned day trips together when she would have retired this past August. Her death leaves a void that cannot be filled. Everytime I enter a Christmas shop I think of her. She deserved better than such an early death.

Marie Devine - boudica10@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CF

“ The first time I met Joan was when We both lived in the same apartment house on Main Street. We were both married at the time and one night we couldn't get in and we rang the bell hoping she was home and would let us in. Well, it must have been around Halloween because she came to the door with some wild outfit on and a third eye painted in the middle of her forehead. I knew right then that Joan was a most entertaining, fun person to know. That was in 1972 and we still remained friends all these years. I have had many fun, enjoyable times at Joan's family home over the years. She was always generous and kind, full of love for her family and friends. She loved the holidays and made them special. I'll always remember her famous Christmas Trees. She was quite the special character, like no one I have ever known. I will miss her very much.

Carol Ferguson - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LS

“ Joan was always a friend as soon as you met her. My life was better for have known her.

Louise Smith - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SF

“ To the Family, We are always saddened by the passing of our dear loved one. The time we have with them is never enough. Please keep in your hearts and minds the wonderful joy and happiness they brought to your lives. Even though it is hard for us to imagine the void in our lives be assured of this period as resting time for them. Hope is given to us through the scriptures that this enemy called "Death" will soon be done away with. (1 Cor. 15:26) Not only will death be no more, neither will sickness, pain and sorrow be anymore. (Rev. 21:3-4) God has said "He is making all things new". My prayers are with you all. Agape' Smith Family

Smith Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

TM

“ I am saddened to hear about my former aunt Joan’s passing. I am please to have known Joan. Joan made me the best home baked bread ever. She also made some of the best cookies. She was a master in the kitchen, and the Queen of organization. I am pleased I was invited to her dinners. She paid so much attention to the details that most wouldn’t notice. She put the Boo in Halloween and the Merry in Christmas. I enjoyed the many conversations I have with Joan, even thought the last few were in passing at the supermarket. My thoughts are with her brother and sister, her nieces and many great nieces and nephews. Aunt Joan will be missed by many. T. Mark Fink

T. Mark Fink - MarkFink@10wp.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BB

“ This doesn't say nearly enough about her generosity, her acceptance, her loyalty to her friends, her sense of humor, her love of her pets and all beautiful things. She was the one who gave you, not black leather gloves for your birthday, but bright red or sparkly earrings or brooches and called you every St. Patrick's Day and played "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" I miss her so much already, but she is at peace and she leaves good memories.

Barbara - bconnelly323@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM