



Joan Marie Otterman

September 28, 1932 - September 17, 2021

Joan Marie Otterman went home to be with our Lord on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021.

Family will greet visitors on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 from 4-6 p.m. at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 310 1st Ave. N. Clear Lake, IA.

A funeral will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at 11 a.m., also at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, followed by internment at Clear Lake Cemetery.

Just 11 days shy of age 89, Joan led a wonderful, active life and didn't pass from the cancer she so valiantly fought a decade earlier. Joan was born on Sept. 28, 1932 to Clarence and Mary (Thompson) Christianson in Estherville, IA, where she attended country school. She graduated from Graettinger High School in 1950 and Hamilton Business College in Mason City, IA in 1951. She worked as a secretary at various businesses in Mason City and Clear Lake, including Henkel Construction Co., Custom Farm Services and Handicap Village (now One Vision).

She married Wallace Johnson in 1956, where they made their home in rural Clear Lake. Together, they had three children, Randy, Julie and Jacqueline.

As an active member in Zion Lutheran Church, she taught Sunday school, lead bible studies, served on church council and brought home communion to shut-ins. She also served as a hospice volunteer.

She married Bill Otterman on April 5, 1997. Together, they wintered in Phoenix and enjoyed dancing, sightseeing and visiting their families. Joan, a voracious reader, also solved daily crossword puzzles and enjoyed walking, where she was known to walk at a brisk pace. She traveled to Norway, Hawaii, The Holy Land and Denmark. She enjoyed cheering on basketball teams, first the Iowa Hawkeyes and other professional teams; then supported the Iowa State Cyclones, where two of her granddaughters attended college.

In 2010, she received devastating news of tongue cancer. After a long year of cancer

treatments at Mayo Clinic, she was considered cured. Although she could no longer eat, she relied on a feeding tube for sustenance. With her strong Christian faith and the power of prayer, she lived her last 10 years cancer-free.

Joan is survived by her husband, Bill; son Randy (Beth) Johnson; daughters Julie (Stuart) Oltrogge and Jackie Wilson (special friend Gary Bland). Also left to cherish her memory includes the 'light of her life' – her precious granddaughters; Abigail Wilson (Tyler Burhenn), Hannah Wilson and Emily (Dave) Haugerud; great-grandson, Luca Burhenn, sister Marilyn Sampson, brother, Ronald (Mary Anne) Christianson; sister-in-law, Mae Christianson; step-sons Kirk Otterman and Kent (Cathy) Otterman; step grandchildren Angela (Robert) Hoffman, Joshua (Anna) Otterman; and step great-grandsons Ender and Iden; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Charles Christianson, brother-in-law Harold Sampson and sister-in-law, Joan Linkletter.

Cemetery

Clear Lake Cemetery

N. 20th St.

Clear Lake, IA, 50428

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

310 1st Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA, US, 50428

SEP **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Such a beautiful soul who we loved/love very much! Thankful we had the time we had with Joan. We enjoyed our movie dates at our home with Joan and Bill. We let Joan pick out the movie in December, and she chose White Christmas, even though she had seen it many, many times. She loved to see the dancing and singing, and so did we all just seeing Joan's joy. We will miss seeing Joan here on earth, but we are rejoicing in the fact that she is a true sister in Christ, and we will reunite with her again in God's perfect timing. Love and hugs to Bill and all of Joan's loved ones. Beth and John



Beth Kjeldgaard - September 22, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ Dear Joan,

Thank you for always being warm, kind, and gracious to me, especially those times that I would visit you and Dad, traveling up from Georgia. Your care for meeting my needs in a most hospitable manner was well noted, during my visits. I appreciate you giving me the tour of many sights in Clear Lake soon after you married Dad. Joan. you had a servant's heart like Jesus Christ. Thank you for accepting and loving my Father as your husband, during all those many years I love you and will miss you!

Love.
Kirk Otterman

Kirk Otterman - September 20, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. We always had such fun at work and with the clients, I am sorry that I can not come to the visitation or funeral as I had a knee replaced and am not able to drive and get out yet. She was a sweetheart,

Garianne Fuller - September 20, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Otterman.



September 20, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Otterman.



September 20, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Otterman.



September 19, 2021 at 08:42 AM