



Jo Ann Roggow

August 25, 1947 - November 20, 2017

Jo Ann Roggow was born on August 25, 1947 at Corpus Christi, TX to parents Thomas H. and Katherine A. Freeman. Her life was filled with travel as the offspring of a Navy career father and subsequent marriage to a career Marine and then to a Navy man. Early years took her to occupied Japan and many places across the U.S.; adulthood found her living in the city where she was born and again overseas to Guam and many more places in the U.S. Along the way, she paused long enough to graduate High School at Jay, FL and to get her RN license through Pensacola (FL) Junior College in 1968. While in college, she met the love of her life, Marine 1Lt. Louis E. Handte II, whom she married on August 19, 1967, then tragically lost him in an aircraft accident on December 14 of that same year. To this union was born a lifelong loving reminder, Louis E. Handte III.

Another chapter in her life began upon marrying Ltjg. Ralph Roggow on May 1, 1970. To this happy couple, two more children arrived, Jennifer (Brad Harter) and Lori (Chad Wittmeier). Their extensive travels continued until retiring from the military to a farm in SD in 1979. As her children grew up, Jo Ann chose to return to her nursing profession, where she became widely respected by patients, doctors, and coworkers, enough to be recommended to the Physician's Assistant program at the University of North Dakota. Upon graduating, this endeavor became the staple of her life until retiring in 2009. As many can attest to, her patients were the central concern of her practice. The highlight of her career was as sole medical provider at the Mercy Clinic in

Howard, KS.

Jo Ann died at her home in Howard, on Monday, November 20, 2017 with many of her loving family at her side. Preceding her in death were her parents, 3 brothers, Thomas H. Freeman II, Kenneth R. Freeman, and Hendri. Survivors include her husband, Ralph, all her children, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, with Pastor Robin Haines officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 5-7 PM at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. A memorial has been suggested to the Elk County Council on Aging and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *MARGO JAROS lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow*



MARGO JAROS - November 30, 2017 at 11:50 PM

DJ

“ *Heaven has gained another angel. I had the pleasure of working with Joanne at the Burke Hospital. There was never a dull moment when we were together. She was full of life, she loved her job and she loved her patients. She was a very special friend and I feel blessed to have had her in my life. She was truly one of a kind and will be missed. May God hold you in the palm of his hand my friend. Keeping Ralph and family in my deepest thoughts and prayers forever. Doris Jaros*

Doris Jaros - November 29, 2017 at 06:36 PM

LO

Thank you Doris! You too, we're a very special lady to her. The stories the two of you shared are forever embedded in my mind. Love you Doris!💕💕

Lori - December 02, 2017 at 03:10 PM

MR

“ *Marla Jaros Raftery lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow*



Marla Jaros Raftery - November 29, 2017 at 06:27 PM

AS

“ Heaven will be a healthier place with Jo Ann there, and funnier too! I had the pleasure of working with Jo Ann at Fall River Health Services in Hot Springs, what a hoot! Always smiling and telling some story. God be with you all.
Amy Spears

Amy Spears - November 29, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LO

Thanks for sharing Amy❤️

Lori - December 02, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Roggow.



November 26, 2017 at 08:03 PM

CA

“ Cindy Alberts lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow



Cindy Alberts - November 25, 2017 at 08:14 PM

RS

“ Raymond and Linda Roggow & Harry and Violet Scheele purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Roggow.



Raymond and Linda Roggow & Harry and Violet Scheele -
November 25, 2017 at 06:43 PM

JC

“ Judy Clubine lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow



Judy Clubine - November 24, 2017 at 10:14 PM

BY

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom! She was such a great lady and will be greatly missed.

Brenda York - November 23, 2017 at 11:44 AM

LO

Thanks Brenda 💕💕

Lori - December 02, 2017 at 03:13 PM

DM

“ Donna Madison lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow



Donna Madison - November 23, 2017 at 05:41 AM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow*



Chip&Nancy Crum - November 22, 2017 at 09:43 AM

RL

“ *Randy Light lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Roggow*



Randy Light - November 22, 2017 at 07:18 AM

TB

“ *So sorry to hear about Joann. She will be missed. Never knew a stranger and could talk ur leg off. Rest in Peace*

Teresa Beitz - November 22, 2017 at 12:29 AM

LO

Very true Teresa! ❤️ Thank you.

Lori - December 02, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jo Ann was always so friendly and helpful! She could visit with anyone! I am praying for all of your family!*

Aimee Cook - November 21, 2017 at 11:14 PM

KH

so sorry to hear of jo ann passing we have many wonderful memories of her. praying for you

kenny hughes - November 25, 2017 at 08:51 AM

SS

Joann was such a wonderful person and didn't know a stranger. She will be deeply missed. Prayers for the family

Sharron Spurrier - November 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM

MJ

So sorry to hear of JoAnn's death, she lived a very full life!

Mel & Charlene Juran - November 28, 2017 at 05:14 PM

LO

Thanks Kenny, Sharron, Mel & Charlene. Mom was a one of a kind and will definitely be missed. Thank you for your kind words 💕💕

Lori - December 02, 2017 at 03:18 PM