



Joanne Lee Whitfield

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DECATUR – Joanne L. Whitfield, 80, born in Des Moines, IA lived in Decatur, IL, passed away peacefully August 31, 2013 surrounded by her family holding hands during a prayer service.

Joanne devoted her life to her family and made daily sacrifices to enrich the lives of everyone around her. She was a warm and caring friend, a guiding light giving strength for her family, and a compassionate wife married to George Dwayne Whitfield for 62 wonderful years. After graduating from Des Moines High School, she studied at Richland Community College. She always found time to work with disabled children, teach water-skiing for the Red Cross, or share advice during life's troubling moments. Joanne was an avid boater and water-skied in many ski shows performed in Des Moines and Decatur. Joanne also loved flower and vegetable gardening, cooking, reading every day, and playing with grandchildren.

Joanne is preceded in death by her father Robert (and Linda); mother Beatrice, and sister Nancy.

Surviving are her children, Craig (Gail) Whitfield, Stuart (Janet) Whitfield, Brian (Deb) Whitfield, and Jeff (Jean) Whitfield, extended family Lynn (Terry) Corley, Martha May Powell, Marcia Joanne Powell, Gary (Sue) Powell, Yolanda (Ken); Powell; grandchildren, Steve (Laura) Whitfield of Brownsburg, Chris (Mary) Whitfield, Lisa Jo (Joey) Webb, Holly (Jason) Henderson, Lisa M (Brian) Miloser, Brandon (Joni Hayes) Whitfield, Lindsey Whitfield, Danielle Corley, Michelle Corley, Katie Corley. Great Grandchildren Gavin, Megan, Karlee, Logan, Brynlee, Dakota, Whitlee.

Instead of donations, we ask that you make the time to spend a day with your mother or with a family member.

Graveside service to celebrate Joanne's life will be 2 PM Wednesday, September 4, 2013 in Graceland Cemetery with Pastor Wray Offermann officiating.

The family of Joanne L. Whitfield is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral



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Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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KM

Kathy (Champ) Mccloud posted:

Oh Gosh Dwayne! Joanne is still bigger than life in my memory. What an inspiration and mentor she was to me having been a very young mother. She taught me so much and did it with no judgement, just love and caring. Here's a funny story: My now husband, Mike McCloud, found an old picture of the water ballet (must have been the 4th of July show 'cause we had red, white and blue hats on). He thought it was so cool that he secretly had it blown up and framed and it appeared in our main hall one day. Joanne is first and nearest the camera, then me and then Linda Wright. Needless to say, it's been moved to a not so obvious place but everytime I walk by the picture, I think of Joanne and smile about the wonderful memories. Know that her passing will leave a huge empty space in all your lives. Sending you prayers for healing energy during this sorrowful time. Kathy (Champ) McCloud PS Norlan is now 89 and doing amazingly well in Florida

September 5 at 2:01 PM

GF

Gilberto & Rose Romero & Fam. posted:

To Dwayne Whitfield and Sons and their families; Our hearts are saddened with the departure of a very loving and caring, warm hearted Lady, Joanne Lee Whitfield. The entire Romero Family deeply express our love to you and pray along with you for our beloved Joanne. May God bless you all and keep you strong during this passing.

September 3 at 7:35 PM

AR

Arlene posted:

Brian and Debbie, We are so sorry to hear about your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and help you through this hard time. Tom and Arlene Gibbons

September 3 at 3:33 PM

MM

Miriam Mckinney posted:

Dear Craig and family-- words are never sufficient to relieve the grief that is felt from the loss of a loved one, especially a parent. But the pain is diminished by the memories that remain and the perfect peace bestowed upon us by God through prayer. That is my prayer for you and your family that you might know God's peace during this most difficult time so you might be able to celebrate your mom's full life with you, and your siblings and Father. Mim McKinney Winder and Carmyn Streich

September 3 at 9:50 AM



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EP

Ed Paine posted:

Stew and the rest of the family,Jo was a very special loving person. Many of us loved her as a second mom.I know the since of loss you are feeling now, so my prayer for you Stew, Dwayne, Craig, Brian, Jeff, and all of your family is, May our Lord wrap His loving arms around each of you and comfort you as only He can, Amen.Love, Ed Paine

September 3 at 4:28 AM

RL

Rob Lewis posted:

Dwayne & The Whitfield Boys;I'm so sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. She was an incredibly strong and caring woman who always had a smile and a hug to share with everyone. It's a tribute to her as a mother, that she was able to take 4 wild boys and raise them to be such a great family! I pray the wonderful memories of her will comfort all of you in this difficult time, and may God Bless you all.Rob LewisMichigan City, IN

September 2 at 2:09 PM

RM

Rick & Bessie Mccollum posted:

Jeff and family,Our sincerest sympathy in the passing of your mom. I am sure that you are thankful you left stateville and moved back and was able to spend more time with family. It was great working with you.Rick & Bessie McCollum

September 2 at 11:06 AM

PM

Pat McBride posted:

Please accept our condolences. Joanne was always pleasant during my visits to the Whitfield home. Her warm welcome will always be remembered. I loved hearing the stories about her boys, grandchildren, etc. We will keep everyone in our prayers, especially those who were close to her. She will be missed a lot.-Pat McBride

September 2 at 10:18 AM

MH

Marlyn O'hara posted:

Dwayne and family,We were so sorry to hear about Joanne's passing. We will be with you in spirit as you say good-bye to a very sweet lady who will be deeply missed by many. The memories that you have will help to comfort you at this difficult time. Bill & Marlyn

September 2 at 6:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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