



# JoAnne Niehay

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## **JoAnne Niehay**

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**J**oAnne was born in Boston, Massachusetts to Joseph Lewis Adams and Angelina Maria Viscardi. She lived her early life in Boston and Annapolis, Maryland before the family moved to her father's home in Decatur.

She attended Decatur Public Schools and was a graduate of Eisenhower High School (Class of '64) and received a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University.

She married Dennis Alldridge of Decatur and together they had sons Travis and Joshua and daughter Alyson.

In 1983 she married John Niehay and they lived for 42 years in rural Oakley Township. JoAnne taught at various Decatur Public Schools, primarily at Garfield and Michael Baum schools where she retired in 2012.

JoAnne was a loving soul and presence for her three children, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, sister, nieces and nephew.

She was a marathon runner and ran in the Boston Marathon multiple times, as well as various Midwest marathons and races.

JoAnne is survived by her husband John Niehay, her sister Mary Harding of Harristown, Joanne's son Travis Alldridge of Decatur, daughter Alyson Baietto and husband Tyrone of Forsyth, son Joshua Alldridge of Decatur, grandchildren Ava Alldridge of Decatur, Jonah Alldridge of Decatur, Katie Yelovich and husband Mark of Mt. Zion, Maggie Baietto of Forsyth and Cora Alldridge of Decatur, great grandchildren Harper JoAnne, Matthew Tyrone, and Roman Michael Yelovich of Mt. Zion, nieces Traci Griffin and her children Grace and Patrick of Kirkwood, Missouri, Staci Dick, husband Roger of Harristown, Staci's children Marissa, husband Caleb, and baby Haven of Decatur, Michael of Clinton and Maddison, of Harristown, and nephew Todd Harding of Mt. Zion. Cousins Karen and Michael DeNapoli of Norwood, Massachusetts, and Harla Friez of



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Palmyra, Missouri. Brothers-in-law Ed Niehay of Boise, Idaho, Michael Niehay of Sheridan, Wyoming, and special sister-in-law Laura Niehay of Sheridan, Wyoming.

JoAnne deeply loved her family, her pets, her many students and running, walking and talking with her friends.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Homes <https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.



# Tribute Wall

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**Gayle K.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of JoAnne.



January 14 at 8:01 PM



**Nancy Arndt** posted:

I am tremendously sorry to just now find out about Joanne Niehay's passing. My family and I were Decatur residents from 1995 to 2001. Our youngest son, Kevin, was fortunate enough to have Joanne not one year but two years in a row (2nd & 3rd grades) at Baum Elementary School. Joanne was truly one of the best and most gifted teachers we have ever known in all our years in education. Her creativity, genuine love of her students and teaching were truly remarkable. She always conducted herself with grace and dignity, and of course I admired her level of fitness too! John and families, we are truly sorry for your loss. May Joanne rest in heavenly peace. Sincerely, the Arndt Family

January 13 at 9:34 PM



**John Niehay** shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 11 at 12:00 AM



**Donna Reinhardt** lit a candle in honor of JoAnne.

So sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother, wife, sister, grandma 🙏 She has left her family and friends with a lifetime of cherished loving memories. I will always remember Joanne being a very kind soul and a friend since high school that was liked by everyone ❤️ Rest in Peace dear friend 🙏



January 11 at 12:00 AM



## Media

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January 11 at 8:28 PM





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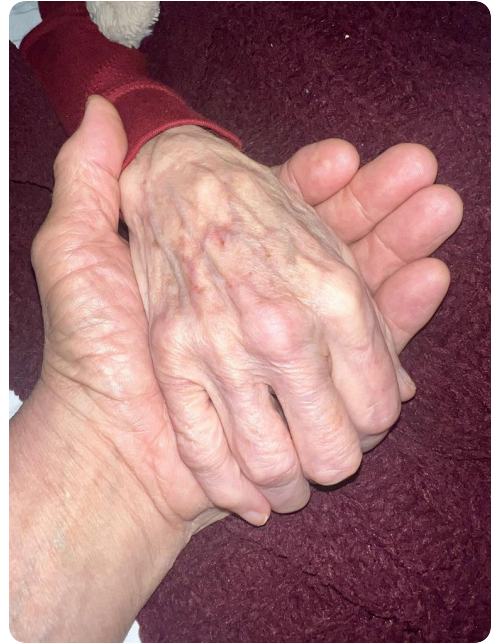




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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