



Joan Dueppen

August 15, 1927 - September 25, 2012

Joan Dueppen, 85 of Fort Collins, died September 25, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7:00 P.M. Friday, September 28, 2012 at Blessed John XXIII University Parish. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Blessed John XXIII. A reception will immediately follow. Interment will be at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Grandview Cemetery. Joan Martha Johnson was born August 15, 1927 in Austin, Minnesota to Joseph and Martha Johnson. She had two sisters, Betty and Mary Ellen and one brother, Roger. As a young girl Joan and her family lived in Rochester and Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. As a child, Joan performed and sang with her sisters at various events in the Blooming Prairie area. Joan graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1945 where she was very active in drama productions, journalism and as an accomplished flautist, played flute in the band. After high school graduation, Joan attended the University of Minnesota where she studied Psychology. Joan married Daniel Joseph Dueppen on September 10, 1948. Married for 62 years, Dan, Joan and their growing family followed Dan's career, which took them from Minnesota to Utah, then to Colorado, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa. Eventually they returned to Colorado where they lived for the past 43 years. While rearing seven children, Joan opened their home to family, friends and many whose paths crossed theirs. Joan lived an extraordinary life as mother of seven, grandmother of 25, great-grandmother of 12 and godmother to many. In addition, many who were far from their own families adopted Joan as their mother and grandmother. She shared her numerous talents with family, friends and the community as a whole. There wasn't much Joan could not do. Whether it was playing the flute, singing, tap dancing, gardening, sewing, throwing pottery, sketching with any medium available, writing, teaching ESL or religious education, Joan openly shared her gifts with others. Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Dan, her parents Joseph and Martha, and her sister Mary Ellen. She is survived by seven children (and their spouses); Mike (and Jean) Dueppen of Chino Valley, AZ; Terry (and Walt) Holmes of North Pole, AK; Lee Ann Ryals of Keizer, OR; Lisa (and Pat) Kent of Deerfield, IL; Daniel (and Karen) Dueppen of San Jose, CA; Marty (and Mark) Egan of Shiner, TX; and Heidi (and Andy) Mechtenberg of Fort Collins, CO. Also surviving are her sister, Betty Cordero of Dayton, OH; brother, Roger Johnson of Blooming Prairie, MN; 25

grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched. We take comfort in knowing that she can know rest in eternal peace in accordance with her Catholic faith.

Comments



“ Joan first touched my life through her daughter Terry. Terry and I bonded through teaching and coaching, and Terry became a lifeline through a difficult time in my life. That was Terry...but Terry is a Dueppen, and that is what they do.

Life moved on, Terry stood as a bridesmaid at our wedding, and Joan gave us the beautiful gift of music. Shortly after that, my (Army) husband and I moved, and never had the chance to see Joan and Dan again.

In October we celebrated our 35th anniversary. Through all that time and all the moves, we managed to stay in touch with Dan and Joan through our Christmas letters. The return address for Dan and Joan was the signal to get a cup of coffee and get comfortable while she brought her life alive with stories of all the family activities. The newsletter was always personalized as she referenced something that we had mentioned in our newsletter. I felt as though I was sitting there with her as we chatted back and forth.

I will always remember Joan as a vibrant and vital woman. I don't think she had any concept of limitations in terms of her joy of life; she simply went forth and LIVED. Her smile was on her lips, in her eyes and voice, and even in the letters she wrote.

Recently our priest reminded me that, while there is no good time to die, there is the RIGHT time to die. This was the right time for Joan, because her Lord and Savior reached out his hand and called her to Him. I join with her family and many friends in the grief of her passing. I also rejoice with them because we were all blessed to have had her with us, because she and Dan left a monumental legacy in a family who loves and supports each other and touches lives as they did, and because I KNOW that she lives again in eternal peace.

Knowing Joan, she is not "resting". Whatever waits for us, whatever needs to be done, she and Dan are doing it, together.

With you all, in faith, hope and love,

Pat and Jerry Hamilton

Pat Hamilton - October 27, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ I met both Joan and Dan when I attended Colorado State University from 1983 to 1989. I attended John XXIII and took RCIA class ther taught by Fr. Ling. Joan was my Sponsor for both First Communion and Confirmation. I was married in 1986. Because of Joan's sponsorship I was able to partake in a full Mass at my wedding. I remember the house that Dan and Joan built. And I recall a lot of African Violets at the house too. Joan had a green thumb for sure. I know she is in Heaven with Dan and is watching over us all. My sympathies to all of Joan's family. Go bless ...



“ Having met Aunt Joan at numerous family reunions, I found her to be a genuinely warm and delightful dynamo. When she and my mother-in-law, Betty, got together at those reunions, the lights in their eyes danced as they smiled at each other, talked, reminisced and made music together again. It was a delight to capture these two sisters in photos many times.

Still today, Betty talks fondly about Joan very often as she shares family stories with us around her dinner table on Wednesday evenings. Yes, even at 90, Betty remains a great cook and, like her younger sister, she enjoys sharing her home and hospitality with others.

Aunt Joan set a terrific example with her annual Christmas letter. It was always newsy and usually included some sketch or drawing from Aunt Joan. Today, that wonderful tradition continues to keep extended family connected through the many colorful, well-written & newsy Christmas letters sent each year from Aunt Joan and Uncle Dan's grown kids, our cousins.

Although we are unable to attend the services to honor the life of Aunt Joan, we will keep a candle lighted here in Dayton this weekend as we, collectively, will be fondly remembering a wonderful, loving, talented and energetic Christian named Joan Martha (Johnson) Dueppen.

We are sending our deepest sympathies to each and every member of Aunt Joan's devoted family. You are all so special and we are grieving with you.

With love,
D.J. & Trudy Cordero and Family

Trudy J. R. Cordero - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joan was an extraordinary person, strong as a rock and yet, tender and loving, with a great sense of humor and dedicated to her family and church.

I was one of the many she touched, as she and Uncle Dan opened their home to me during my senior year in high school. I can only begin to imagine now as an adult, the sacrifice that it took to bring me into their family of 9, but all my memories of my senior year are wonderful (at least from my perspective:-).

I remember how they worried about me riding my motorcycle, I remember all 10 of us at the dinner table at once, the joking, the kidding the laughing, what a time we all had!

We will all miss her greatly, she lived a great, long life and leaves behind a wonderful legacy in her family.

With much love.

Rogelio

Rogelio Cordero - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Joan for the 1st time at a Christmas concert given by Joan's troupe S.O.A.P. in Ft Collins Dec 2010, I so enjoyed the performance she gave in flute as well as vocal pieces. I met her again at her husband's funeral in June 2011 when I drove my sister Mary Ann and her husband Ken Dueppen (Dan was Ken's brother). She will be missed. I give my condolences to her family whom I met last year. My prayers are with them at this time.

Paula Palotay - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a neighbor to Dan and Joan on County Rd 56 for several years. They attended many of our Halloween and Christmas parties and I enjoyed getting to know them. I will miss them both. My sincere sympathy to all of her family.

Janet Marti Cook

Janet Marti Cook - October 11, 2012 at 11:24 AM