



## JoAnn M. Orzell

February 16, 2021

JoAnn M. Orzell, 85, of Fort Collins, CO formerly of Fayette and St. Louis, MO died February 16, 2021 after a brief illness. Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, a memorial mass will be delayed until June 23, 2021. This date is her 65th Wedding Anniversary, and will be a reunion with her beloved husband, Frank, for eternity. Internment will be held the same day, privately, at Grandview Cemetery, also in Fort Collins.

JoAnn was born in St. Louis, MO on September 24, 1935 to Harold and Mary Myers. She married Frank Orzell on June 23, 1956 and was later blessed with two sons, Steve and Mike. During her working career, JoAnn served in many capacities for various organizations, lending her organizational skills and administrative talents. She retired as the Executive Assistant to the President of ITT Commercial Finance. Upon retirement, JoAnn relocated to Fayette, MO where she and Frank enjoyed spending time on their 160 acre farm. In her spare time JoAnn loved working on arts and crafts, and had quite a creative talent. One of her favorite activities was decorating for all the holidays, especially the onset of Fall and Halloween. She also enjoyed family visits and spending time with her “country” grandchildren. JoAnn was a devoted and loving wife, warm and caring mother, mother-in-law, adopted grandmother and friend to many; including several girlfriends she remained in touch with since Grade School. She and Frank relocated to Ft. Collins in 2015.

JoAnn is survived by her two sons, Steve (Domingos) Orzell of Sebring, FL and Mike (Pam) Orzell of Ft. Collins; dear friends, Jim (Susan) Groene, and their children Stephen (Sarah) Groene, Michele (Tyler) Hannegan, and Michael Groene (Mercedes Adams-Kloepfer); as well as two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Emmett Groene.

Her family requests memorial donations be made to the American Lung Association.

# Cemetery

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## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain  
Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO, 80521

# Events

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**JUN 23** **Rosary** 10:30AM  
St. John XXIII  
1220 University Ave, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

**JUN 23** **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM  
St. John XXIII  
1220 University Ave, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

**JUN 23** **Interment**  
Grandview Cemetery  
1900 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, CO, US,  
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# Comments

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“ We can't help but smile when we think about our outings we had with meals and family get togethers. We had some very memorable times in that "caddy" on the way to appointments and lunches. I will miss our frequent phone conversations. We always had a good laugh and left each other smiling. As a friend of your mother's, we know how special of a person JoAnn was. Your mother will be greatly missed and we are sorry for your loss.

Tim & Diana Christopherson

Tim & Diana Christopherson - February 28 at 12:38 PM

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“ JoAnne and I met in kindergarten at Mark Twain Elementary School. We lived two blocks from each other and our friendship spans 80 years. Grade school friends included my twin sister, Claire Crowe Wilhelm, and Shirley Pancoast Stellern. These friendships continued to Beaumont High School with many happy memories of our time there. We forged new friendships with Eleanor (Ellie) Kovar Galuffo, Vivian Dooley Williams, Ann Jercinovic Daus and Fran Nepute Schuckhardt. After high school, we affectionately referred to this group of eight friends as the "Girls Club" and we continue to stay in touch to this day. After JoAnn and Frank moved to Colorado, we visited often via phone and shared stories of our days in Walnut Park and updates on our families. Friendships like this are a true gift....and I am blessed to call JoAnn my very dear friend.

Carole Crowe Gassel

Carole Gassel - February 27 at 08:33 AM

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Carole Gassel - February 27 at 08:16 AM

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“ JoAnn was dearly loved by our family and we spent many wonderful years with her. She was affectionately referred to as our “country-grandma” and was like a grandma in many ways. From the delicious dinners she prepared, to the cakes, pies and dessert she made from scratch, to the time she spent making crafts and spending time with our family in Fayette, MO. We have many wonderful memories of her and her late husband Frank, that will be cherished for many years to come. My family has been truly blessed to have known both of them and they will be dearly missed! I've added a few photos of our many memories with JoAnn. There are so many more that we could of shared.  
Jim & Susan Groene

Jim & Susan Groene - February 26 at 03:29 PM

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Jim and Susan Groene - February 26 at 10:22 AM

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Mike Orzell - February 25 at 08:17 PM



“ Mike Orzell with two of his favorite gals, Grandma Mary and his Mother JoAnn

Mike Orzell - February 25 at 11:13 PM

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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - February 23 at 11:58 AM