



## Joann C. Wilcox

March 3, 2020

Joann Wilcox passed away March 3, 2020, at age 79.

Joann was born April 6, 1940, to Rose Seide and Harry Court. Joann spent much of her youth surrounded by her large family. She graduated from Cass Technical High in Detroit and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan in 1963. She earned a master's in nursing administration from Wayne State University in 1979.

Joann had a long and celebrated career in nursing, starting as an ICU nurse and working her way up to vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer for a six-hospital group in Topeka, Kansas. For several years she served as president of the Michigan Nurses Association. In her later years, she moved into education and worked as a certified advanced facilitator for graduate and undergraduate courses in nursing, leadership and ethics.

Joann was an avid University of Michigan fan throughout her life attending and watching many football games with her family. She was a breast cancer survivor and walked many miles to raise thousands of dollars to fight the disease. She volunteered throughout her lifetime in many capacities – Girl Scout troop leader, camp nurse, Little League administrator, hospital thrift store clerk. Joann was instrumental in building several parade floats in her garage in Milford, Michigan, and had a shed stuffed full of cases of Girl Scout cookies.

Joann is survived by daughters Andrea (Rina) and Julie (Keith) and their son Ben; son Grant IV; brother Richard Court; and former husband Grant III; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by sisters Barbara, Sybil and Doris and brothers Tom and Bob. All would say she was a wonderful mother, sister, aunt and the epitome of a good person throughout her life.

A memorial will be held at Weber's Restaurant in Ann Arbor on a date TBD. All are welcome. Email [grantwilcox\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:grantwilcox_4@hotmail.com) if you would like to be notified when the date

is decided. If you'd like to make a donation in her honor, please give to PWR! Parkinson Wellness Recovery: <https://www.pwr4life.org/gift/> or Pathways Hospice: <https://pathways-care.org/ways-to-give/>.

# Comments

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“ So sad to hear of Joann’s passing. We worked together many years ago at MNA, and I worked on her campaign. She was a great leader, brilliant, funny, passionate about nursing, a woman of integrity. I was proud to call her my colleague.  
Jody Berney

Jody Berney - July 12, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ The kindest, most accomplished, straightforward woman I’ve known. Quick infectious laugh, always a pleasure to be around. Rest gently, my friend.

Mitzi McMahon - March 14, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ Best Mom ever, love you. I keep wanting to call and talk to you like every other week. Missing you already.



Julie - March 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM