



Joan Fitzpatrick

February 2, 2021

Joan Bernice Fitzpatrick, 88, went to be with Jesus on February 2, 2021, attended by her four loving daughters, Kathryn (Carl) Johnson, Nancy (Ted) Langenfeld, Cheri Smarr-Foster, and Michelle (Mike) Sonnenberg. She was preceded in death by her infant son, William “Billy” Koyen.

Joan was born and grew up in Valentine, Nebraska, the youngest of nine children born to Joseph and Florence Chicoine. She and her first husband, Bernard “Bud” Koyen, lived most of their married life in Ainsworth, Fremont, and Omaha, Nebraska where she leaves behind many friends. Later, she moved with her daughter Michelle to Fort Collins where she met and married her beloved Clinton Fitzpatrick, who passed on before her.

“Joanie” loved Jesus. Her morning routine, for many years, was to spend time in prayer and reading her Bible and devotionals. She also loved singing, tending her garden flowers, sewing, knitting, and puzzles. She was a very caring and nurturing person and many people knew and admired her for her work as an activities director, and then as a med nurse, in various nursing homes in Larimer County. Joan was a wonderful mother and she will be dearly missed by her 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Private services will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church followed by interment in Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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“ *Joan Fitzpatrick*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Love and prayers to Joan's family. Knew Joan and her family when we were neighbors in Sunny Slope. She loved her family so much and was a kind a gracious lady. A memory of that time was when our young daughter, Micki, cut Cheri's long hair into a much shorter style. That was probably inspired by Micki getting her hair cut by myself the day before and there were the scissors and I had never told her "not to cut someone else hair". Tears were present but kind and forgiving words were present also. May all the memories you've shared bring you comfort and joy.
With my heartfelt sympathy, Bonnie Boone*

Bonnie Boone - February 07, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Cheri Foster lit a candle in memory of Joan Fitzpatrick*



Cheri Foster - February 04, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ *Aunt Joan was such a kind and loving lady. I talked to her on her last Birthday and like always, she was so positive and optimistic. My sincerest condolences to my cousins for the loss of their dear mother. She will be missed! Jim Chicoine*

James Chicoine - February 04, 2021 at 06:46 PM



Thank you for your kind words, Jim. I'm so proud to be, like you, a descendant of the Chicoine family. ❤️

Kathy Johnson - February 04, 2021 at 08:16 PM



I'm very sorry about Joanie. She was a very special person, kind, loving and considerate of others. She was a member of my prayer group that met every week for many years. She is deeply missed.

Carol Hayward

Carol Hayward - February 07, 2021 at 05:10 PM



Joanie will be missed by so many of the people that loved her. She was such an inspiration to me and others in our women's Bible study. Her prayers were so very deep and she encouraged us by her gracious way as she spoke about her life and her understanding of God's Word. We knew she loved her work and even more, we knew how much she loved her family. Thinking of you all in her passing, but knowing she is with Jesus now brings comfort and hope.

Tammy Wilgers - February 09, 2021 at 08:19 AM