



Joanne S. Rowell

September 22, 1943 - January 18, 2024

Joanne, Shirley (Heft) Rowell, age 80, passed peacefully away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, January 18th, 2024, at Marshfield Medical Center Dickinson due to frontal cortical dementia.

Joanne was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 22nd, 1943 to Vernon and Pearl (Hermann) Heft. She graduated from Luther South High School and became a registered nurse at Augustana Hospital Nursing School. She earned a bachelors degree in public health and was a certified OSHA nurse. Joanne worked for Hinsdale Hospital, Waste Management, Lagrange Memorial Hospital, and retired from Dickinson County Hospital.

On May 16th, 1964, Joanne married Paul Rowell in Chicago, Illinois and divorced in 1989. Joanne and Paul had two children Beth and Scott whom she loved very much.

Throughout her life, she had a love of healthy cooking, traveling, adventure, photography, and gardening. She loved her cats and all animals. She volunteered at health fairs in hospitals, churches, and was also a pathfinder leader. She found Faith communities in the Methodist and Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Joanne will be deeply missed by her children Beth (Jay) Hellman and Scott

(Sarah) Rowell and seven grandchildren: Ben Hellman (Ellen), Chelsea (James) DallaValle, Grace Hellman, Daniel Hellman, Madison Beck, Joshua Hellman, Olivia Hellman and a great granddaughter, Leni Jane DallaValle.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1 PM at the Iron Mountain Community Church N-3770 Pine Mountain Road Iron Mountain, Michigan. Her funeral service will be held at the same location at 2 PM followed by a potluck meal.

Joanne's family would like to thank the staff of Family Ties Adult Daycare, the staff of Sunny Days in home care, the nursing staff at Marshfield Medical, and Dr. Beth Schroeder for their kind, devoted, and supportive care of Joanne so that she could live at home with her family even as her dementia progressed. Her family is truly grateful.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joanne S. Rowell online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Iron Mountain Community Church of Seventh Day Adventists
N3770 Pine Mountain Rd.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Joanne & I became friends in Nursing School in the late 60's. After nursing school we remained friends with our families, including another nursing comrade, Sonya Johnson. After several weddings and children, we saw each other for birthdays and holidays or just for fun! We shared different religions, but believed in the same God and I know that she is with him now and at peace. May she watch over us and her family!* ”



Sharon Laverne L Tillisch - January 29, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Joanne! May your family be comforted in the arms of Jesus with her loss! She was always such a sweet, caring, loving, and fun friend! Joanne, Carole Bliss, and myself sang together in a trio when we were members at Downers Grove SDA church. What a glorious day that will be when we will sing together again in heaven! All your family is in my thoughts and prayers! ❤️🙏* ”

Zelda Christen - January 20, 2024 at 08:52 PM

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God bless Joanne's family as they grieve the loss of a wonderful Mom, Grandmother, we are so sorry to hear this news. She was a wonderful friend and we enjoyed singing together. Love and Prayers, Carole BLiss

Carole Bliss - January 20, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joanne S. Rowell.



January 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM