



## Joan Mary Stromeier

November 27, 1932 - May 28, 2021

Joan Mary Stromeier, age 88, of Columbus, OH, passed into her next realm of life May 28th, 2021. She was born on November 27th, 1932. She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl and her parents, Roy, and Marie Newman. She is survived by her daughter Lisa, son Karl (Julie), cat Kermit, and numerous dear friends.

A graduate of South High School and The Ohio State University she taught for Columbus Public Schools for over 40 years and was a favorite substitute teacher for countless students.

Joan was a lifelong member of St. John's UCC where she was continuously active as a Sunday School teacher and Superintendent. She was on Consistory, a member of the Cherub's Circle, and participated on many other committees which helped to make St John's a vital part of the Downtown community.

While at St. John's Joan co-founded The Largest Table where she and many other dedicated volunteers served Wednesday noontime meals to the homeless and marginally housed guests. She also volunteered at Faith Mission. Joan was a champion of the homeless leaving each person with a sense that they were of value and welcomed regardless of their beliefs, backgrounds, or sexual orientation. She believed that all people are God's children and loved.

Joan was known for her gentle spirit, unwavering service to others, ornery sense of humor and beautiful smile which radiated joy to all she encountered. She was an avid OSU football fan and never missed a chance to see TBDBITL. She was a lover of the Arts, especially musical theatre and ballet, and was often in the audience whenever a well-known classical soloist came to town.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful caregivers who helped Joan in her last years, but especially to Millicent Lawson, who enabled Joan's final months to be as easy as possible.

There will be a private graveside ceremony and then, at a date to be determined in the future, a Celebration of Life will be held so that anyone who would like to share their memories of Joan may do so.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's name to the Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association or The Open Shelter.

We lost our best friend but are better for the time we were able to share with this beautiful soul, and because of that, her memory will live on forever.

# Comments

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“ I knew Joan from St Johns UCC. She was so loving and made me welcome the very first time i walked in the door..She will be truly missed ..

Linda Clark - July 10 at 02:30 AM

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“ Joe Murrell

Although I only met her once at your birthday celebration a few years back, I remember her sweet smile and lovely disposition.

I then knew where her wonderful daughter was taught by the best of examples her own brand of kindness and support, and an ability to comfort and guide others. Lisa, your Mom SHINES in you and through you... everyday! What a wonderful legacy of compassion she both demonstrated and instilled in you. Her spirit is so ALIVE in YOU!

BLESSINGS AND COMFORT ..... and a “poor Baby” to you !

Joe Murrell

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Be still and know that I AM....

Be still ... and know ....

Be .... STILL

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Joe Murrell - June 09 at 07:41 PM

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“ I just found this and was so surprised by the news, My memory of your mom was that she always had a smile on her face and said hi to everyone. My prayers for you and your family. Mom also passes on her prayers to you.

**Alice Niemann & Family** - June 07 at 07:34 AM



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**Joe Murrell** - June 09 at 07:38 PM



“ Joan Stromeier was one of the most open-hearted, giving, supportive person I've ever known. We met when she was leading a large, successful program that provided a free-weekly lunch for homeless and otherwise disadvantaged people. In addition to food she lead and encouraged other volunteers to relate to participants in the kind of loving/caring ways modeled by Jesus.  
God is surely "resting her soul" and comforting everyone who loved her.

**RICHARD STUDER** - June 06 at 08:07 AM