



JoAnne Lang

May 23, 1929 - December 8, 2020

On December 8, 2020, God called JoAnne (Kurtz) Lang home to heaven after 91 years. A native of Ironton, Ohio she started college at Ohio Wesleyan University, but then married a young naval officer and spent several years moving around the country before finally settling in Columbus and finishing her degree at Ohio State University. There was nothing she loved more than family, being with friends, old movies, good food (she was a wonderful cook!) and Ohio State football. She and husband Deke formed some of their deepest friendships with their card playing buddies. Among JoAnne's many adventures in life were vacations to Europe, Australia, and various locations in the U.S., as well as experiencing three hurricanes, two tornados, an earthquake, a sand storm, and a DC-3 landing on its last sputtering engine. She taught at Rosemore Junior High in Whitehall for 25 years. JoAnne loved this country, its history, its customs, its traditions. All her life she carried the memory of seeing Civil War veterans march in her home town parades. She was an avid gardener (especially of roses), and cultivated many friendships throughout her life as a member of the Worthington Historical Society, Women's Association of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and Worthington Presbyterian Church. JoAnne was also a volunteer at Riverside Hospital for many years. She was preceded in death by parents Stanley and Ethel Kurtz, and her brothers William and Robert. Survived by her husband of 70 years, Deke, daughter Linda (Bill) Yost, son Robert, and grandchildren Michelle (Eric) and Alan (Jean) Yost. Special thanks to longtime caregiver Donna Murphy of Visiting Angels and to Capital City Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local food bank. Due to concerns about the coronavirus, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be made to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ I was so sorry to hear of JoAnn's passing. My sincere sympathy and prayers to Deke, Bob and Linda and the family. I taught with JoAnn at Rosemore Junior High in the early 60's. I always enjoyed hearing of her family, Bob and Linda, as they were growing up. I have fond memories of my first year at Rosemore when we taught an "manners and etiquette" class. She was kind to me, a newbie, guiding me through the process of my first year.

Joanne Kitchen

Joanne - December 14, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with JoAnne at Riverside Methodist Hospital where she was a volunteer. JoAnne was a kind, gentle soul who had a smile for all. JoAnne treated our patients, visitors and staff with compassion and dignity.

JoAnne shared many stories of her family and we chatted about our Ohio State Buckeye football team often! JoAnne would always bring a special treat to our weekly Buckeye Tailgate Parties during football season.

JoAnne made a difference in this world and I am blessed to have known her.

My condolences to her family. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

Linda Watson Hanson

Linda Hanson - December 13, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ To Mr. Lang, Linda, Bill and Robert-
I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Lang's passing. She was always so kind to me and so fun. I thought the world of her. I remember when I was working in a boutique at Lane Avenue and she came into the store. We couldn't believe that we were able to visit a bit due to that random encounter.

May you all find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of a life well lived.
Anne Trout

Anne Trout - December 12, 2020 at 09:12 AM



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Dear Bob,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I have fond memories of her game day parties , and her spirit . I'd like to also mention how beautiful she decorated for the Christmas season, and especially her village . You sure had a wonderful mother and her zest , her fun spirit and her love of people . I will continue to pray for you and your family .

Love Mary Brown

Mary Brown - December 11, 2020 at 05:25 PM