



Joy Leigh "McCormick" Johnston

October 28, 2011

Joy Leigh (McCormick) Johnston. Joyful, Joyful we adore thee.... Joy has joined her parents, Alice Ruth and Lyle McCormick, in God's heavenly host. After 14 years of living with breast cancer, Joy passed away at home on Friday, October 28, 2011, surrounded by family and the love of all her friends. Joy was a loving spouse, an inspirational mother, a wonderful sister and a role model for many. She leaves behind her spouse, Steve, her children: Allison Johnston, Nancy Willis (Jonathan), and Ellen Rodenberger (Ian), Steve's parents, Fran and Marvin Johnston, her three sisters, Janet Uldricks (Don), Jane Andrews, Jo Phelps (Loren), and niece, Kerri Scott (John). Joy loved teaching her kindergarten and second graders at Ridgewood Elementary in Hilliard with the great staff there. Joy's special friends include the Debs, the Birders, the Stephen Ministers at Liberty Presbyterian Church and her Bible study small groups. Special thanks to Dr. Andrew Grainger and his team at Central Ohio Oncology. His wisdom and gentle touch nourished her spirit as he kept her cancer at bay. Her family doctor, Dr. John Winzenread, continued his loving support and care for her and the whole family. A celebration of Joy's life will be held at 4:00pm. MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011 at LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7080 Olentangy River Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (At the corner of Olentangy River Road and Home Road.) A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Cancer Support Community-Central Ohio, 10330 Sawmill Parkway, Suite 600, Powell, Ohio 43065 or to the Endowment Fund at Liberty Presbyterian

Church, in Joy's memory. Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell (614)-792-1471 is assisting the family. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Joy Leigh "McCormick" Johnston

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Joy came to my yoga classes at the Cancer Support Community. She was such a positive and kind presence! Despite the incredible challenges she faced, she always asked about me and my family and gave support to the other participants. Joy was beautiful, strong and giving, and I am grateful to have known her. I am sending love and prayers to her close friends and family.

Abby Dorn - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve, We are so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

John and Jamie Millen - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Joy. May God bring to mind many happy memories of Joy's life on earth. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Jane Cooper

Jane Cooper - November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Nancy--I am very saddened to learn of your mom's passing. Words are of little comfort right now, but what helps is remembering that she is finally free of suffering and knowing that she will live on in you forever. May God give you strength and bring you peace--prayers to you and your family, Nancy

Nancy Tancredi - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry to hear this news. What an amazing lady Joy was. She was such an inspiration and a wonderful role model for others. Thinking about you all. Love and prayers, Margie Aeh (Snyder) Ellen's second grade teacher at Indian Run4

Margie Aeh - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sorry to hear of Joy's passing. Joy was such a positive role model for all of us younger girls in HS. I had such deep respect and admiration for Joy, and her sisters too. I will always remember her kindness and certainly, her joyful spirit. Sincerely, Patricia Monson

Patricia Monson - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Steve, Allison, Nancy and Ellen, We are so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the beautiful memories of her sustain you through this difficult time. Dan and Stephanie Armbruster

Stephanie Armbruster - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joy. I had such great respect and admiration for Joy in H S. Joy was a positive influence on us younger girls. I will always remember her kind and joyful spirit. My thoughts are with your family. Sincerely, Patricia Monson (Patty Smith 1970)

Patricia Monson - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. I had such great admiration and respect for her in HS. She was always so fun and happy and a pleasure to be around. Joy was such a positive influence on all of us younger girls. I liked her so much. My thoughts are with your family! Patricia Monson (Patty Smith 1970)

Patricia Monson - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Nancy, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. Her legacy will "shine on" in each of you until that future reunion in His presence. May He send you the Comforter to give you His peace and to sustain you until that joyous day. We love you and will be praying for all of you. ~Dee Dee

Dee Dee Monaco - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ i met Joy at yoga and so inspired by her strength and her sweet spirit! She gave me encouragement to keep fighting cancer while enjoying life. We were both retired elementary teachers. I'm grateful to have known Joy! I'm very sorry for your loss. Prayers are coming your way. God bless. Mari Hughes

Matri hughes - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Steve and family, my most sincere and deepest sympathies to you all. I wish peace and love and understanding to you now, and always.

Todd McCollough - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Steve, Allison, Nancy and Ellen, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Joy. The world has lost a beautiful person, both inside and out, who always had a smile on her face, and a kind word to say. May you find comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob & Marg

Bob & Marg Armour - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Steve, Ellen and the Johnston family, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you release your beloved Joy for the most incredible journey she has ever taken. She has entrusted you with a heritage and legacy that will continue to be a source of Joy for all of you. My thoughts after meeting Joy were, "I want to be more like her!" She believed and lived the Words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, with her kindness and love. Her life truly was a blessing for the many people who knew her.

Rhonda and Rich Householder - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Steve, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. May God bless you and your family. -Derrick Clay

Derrick R. Clay - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Steve-- I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, Joy. please accept my deepest sympathies for you and your family on such a sad occasion. all your friends and fellow Board members @ AFC send you their best in these difficult days. Paul Lacroix

Paul Iacroix - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ STEVE, WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS! IT IS GREAT THAT SHE COULD SURVIVE THAT STUFF FOR SO MANY YEARS. I HOPE YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP WITH YOU ALOT SO YOU WON'T FEEL SO ALONE. SORRY WE COULDN'T ATTEND BUT WE DO REALLY MISS HER. LOVE, GARY & CINDY WILSON

GARY & CINDY WILSON - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Steve and Family, We are very sorry at the passing of Joy. We feel fortunate to have met the Johnston Family several years ago. You are nothing but class people, and we want to help in anyway we can during these difficult times. Joy and your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

The Plank Family - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To Steve and everyone who loved Joy, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Joy, but she sounds like a wonderful human being. To those that Joy leaves behind, I hope that your pain is eased by the wonderful memories that you have with Joy. Take care, and Dee and I will pray for you and send good thoughts your way.

Bob Leighty - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints” Psalm 116:15 May God bring special comfort and peace to all of you in this time of loss. We regret we are not able to attend. Bertha, Gary & Darlene Ballantine Sharon Parker & Family

Gary Ballantine - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“Dear Nancy, I noticed your mother's obituary in the paper this weekend and wanted to send my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I remember you telling me about your mother's condition when we worked together. My thoughts and prayers are with you (I prayed for you this morning in church). Thinking of you, Mike

Mike Patterson - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“My heartfelt sympathies to the McCormick and Johnston families. I was so pleased to see Joy a couple of years ago at our high school reunion. I had not seen her in many, many years but I was aware of the valiant battle that she had been fighting. God bless her and those whose lives she touched.

Lana (Knotts) Johnson - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PR

“Dear Steve, We were so sorry to hear about Joy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May your faith and many happy memories bring comfort. In sympathy, Carolyn Randolph and Phil Jursek

Phil Jursek and Carolyn Randolph - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *The Buchan's love the Johnston's. Our prayers and thoughts have been-- and will continue to be with you. For now, we pray the loving arms of Jesus, family and friends will wrap you up and support you. Thinking of you all... the Buchans. dave, sue, daniel, andrew, and jack.*

dave and sue buchan - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Steve, girls and all of the rest of your close family, We are so sorry. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Joy is truly at peace now in heaven with her mom and dad. We love you guys. Steve and Becky*

Becky Flower - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *I did not have the honor and blessing of meeting Joy in person. I feel like I did know her through her daughter Allison and through facebook. What a beautiful woman she was physically, leaving behind three daughters that will carry her always in their beauty and hearts. I can only imagine the many lives that she touched through teaching and I am sure these lives have already made a huge difference in this world. From a caring handsome husband and three gorgeous daughters, to three beautiful sisters and family, Joy was blessed and I am sure was a blessing to many. May God continue to pour out his perfect peace to all of you and May the life of Joy Johnston continue on through generations to come.*

Patti Paschall - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ We are so sorry to hear about the death of Joy. What an example of courage and strength! She was a lovely lady, always smiling and so warm and friendly. God wanted one of the best! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Olin , Linda, Melissa (McCreary) and Michelle Jones - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ What a beautiful picture of a beautiful person. I am truly saddened for your loss, and the loss of so many who will certainly miss Joy. She was always so happy and pleasant no matter what she was going through at the time. Always had an encouraging word for everyone. I am sad I didn't make it over to see her at the house, like I promised. I will not be able to make the service, as I will have to work. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you on that day, and the days to come. May God give you strength and help you through this difficult time. Joy will be missed by all of the nurses at Columbus Oncology. She will always have a special place in my heart. Sincerely, Ann

Ann Lamantia - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We're very sorry for your loss. We're praying for your family during this difficult time.

Ryan, Dawn & Bryson Scott - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Joy was a wonderful person who spoke to everyone who met her. Her spirit will be missed. I remember always seeing Joy smiling when we were in school together. She loved people and life. May God bless her family and friends during this time. Celebrate her memories and her love of life,

Sher Graham - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the McCormick and Johnston families.

Dianna (Johnston) Sotomayor - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM