



Joy Karn

March 13, 1940 - May 16, 2008

Joy Karn, 68, Bismarck, died May 16, 2008. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Monday at First United Methodist Church, Bismarck with Rev. Kermit Culver and Rev. Walter Schott officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm Sunday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Family will be receiving guests from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm Sunday at Parkway Funeral Service. Visitation will also be one hour prior to services at the church. Joy Ann Herren was born March 13, 1940, in Columbus, OH, to Clayson and Marian Roseberry Herren. She was raised in the small town of Lilly Chapel, OH. Joy graduated from Fairfield High School in 1957 and attended Columbus Business College in Columbus, OH, where she received secretarial training. On June 26, 1960, Joy married James F. Karn at the First United Methodist Church in Lilly Chapel. Joy and Jim lived in both Columbus and Wooster, OH, while Jim was attending Ohio State University. In 1966, they moved to North Platte, NE and in 1976 they moved to Bismarck, ND. Her "retirement" job was as part-time secretary at the First United Methodist Church in Bismarck, where she has been a member for 31 years. Between secretarial jobs she worked as an Avon representative in North Platte, then later at the Cheddar Box and Dayton's Department Store in Bismarck. Joy was a P.E.O. sister of the BA chapter in Bismarck. Most of all, Joy worked at being a fantastic wife, a great mom to two terrific daughters and a grandma to four little gifts grandchildren from God. In addition to being a

doting grandma, she loved to travel, enjoyed being with friends, doing scrapbooking, as well as, various other craft projects. In the last year of her life she discovered she had a talent for making jewelry and took great pleasure in combing through all the bead stores and hobby shops for interesting and eye catching beads and baubles for her creations. Most of her jewelry went to Arizona for Anita to sell, with all of the proceeds going to support the American Cancer Society's efforts to find a cure for cancer. Joy will always be remembered for her kind, loving and thoughtful ways, her perpetual smile, infectious laugh and her boundless energy. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Jim, and daughters, Anita Phillips Brian, Glendale, AZ and Renee Clarke Ron, Bismarck, ND, and her grandchildren, Kylee, Jaycie, Brody and Delani Clarke, Bismarck, ND. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clayson and Marian Herren.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Anita and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I miss seeing your mom and dad walk by the house, they always had a nice word to say. It just didnt seem right when your dad would walk by alone. She is now walking side by side with God.

Linda Kringstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Just heard from my sister this morning that Joy passed away. Joy was such a comfort to my mom through the last year of her life! May you all feel God with you through this difficult time.

Kim Wagner Pepper - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We will forever remember Joy for her beautiful smile. She was always there to help in anyway she could. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in God's love.

Darin & Tracy Driscoll and girls - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To "Grandpa" Jim, Renee and Anita...I am so sorry to hear about "Grandma" Joy. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. "Grandma" Joy was very special to me and my girls. She was like a second mom to me and accepted my girls as if they were her own grandchildren. Thank you for the love and memories over the years.

Ann Cockfield - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Jim our thoughts and prayers are with you during these trying times. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Ron and Karen

Ron and Karen Vredenburg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Jim and girls, Joy was an amazing lady and she leaves behind a legacy of faith for each of you and to her grandchildren and friends. She lit up everytime she smiled and it was always fun to see her. Praying that God will fill your hearts with His peace. We'll be praying for you.

Steve and Linda Aafedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Jim, Anita and Renee - words just don't even begin to say how sorry I am for your loss. Since I was a kid, I remember what a beautiful infectious smile and that loving personality that you just enjoyed her presences! Renee, even as kids I always saw so much of your mom in you! What a beautiful legacy to leave! So much of who she was shines in all of you! Jim, I admire you so much for taking care of your grandchildren and tending to Joy! You truly are one of the "good guys!!" I will miss her warm fuzzy smile and loving eyes! May you hold tight to all the beautiful memories! May God Bless you all!

Lois Delzer Backman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Jim, Anita & Brian, Renee & Ron, Kylee, Jaycie, Brody and Delani, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife, mom and grandma. Joy was a very special ray of sunshine in life, bringing joy to all the lives she touched. We see her kind, gentle heart showing through the hearts of her grandchildren. You all are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. We are so impressed at how she prepared those precious little ones, as Delani told Kylie "My Grandma gets to be an angel and meet the real God." Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Curt, Kerrie, Kylie and Corey Helm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Jim, Anita, Renee and families, Truly sorry for the loss of Joy. She was a very special lady. Please take comfort that she is now in a much better place than we are, free from pain and suffering and that she will always live on in your hearts. God Blessings to you all!

Lori Lind - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss, Jim, Anita, Renee, and families. We all know what a kind, wonderful person she was. No matter what medical situation arose, she still managed a smile or kind word. I lost my sister age 49 to cancer in 11/07 and I know there are some very special people in a very special place!! I will be unable to attend services so know that my thoughts and prayers will be with you. Love, Aldeen.

Aldeen Klain - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jim, Anita and Renee, Sorry to hear about Joy. When I picture Joy in my mind, her first image is a grand smile, with a voice identifiable to all that new her. I am sure God will enjoy her presents, as all that have knowen her have. In our Prayers, with Gods blessings.
Courtney.

Courtney Lind - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ thoughts and prayers have always been with you and your family

Donna Hipfner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM