

Date of Birth
Oct 09, 1930



Date of Passing
Jul 18, 2017

Joanne Branigan

Branigan, Joanne Joanne Branigan was born on October 9, 1930, in Amboy, Illinois, to Kathryn and Frank Branigan. She passed away on July 18, 2017, in Phoenix, Arizona. Joanne was the youngest of four daughters: Helen, Kathleen, Mary Louise and Joanne. She grew up in Amboy, IL where she graduated from Amboy Township High School and moved to Phoenix in 1949. Joanne attended Phoenix College and graduated from Arizona State College in 1952. Her first teaching assignment was in Chandler, Arizona, followed by one year in Hawaii and thirty-two years teaching third grade in the Washington Elementary District. As an associate member of the Phoenix Press Club, Joanne was pleased to meet President Lyndon Johnson and Lady Bird. She also was excited to attend a banquet featuring Bobby Kennedy. During her summer breaks she enjoyed traveling to Europe, Asia, Ireland, Hawaii and many places in the U.S. One of her favorite destinations was back to her hometown of Amboy visiting family. She and her three sisters created a scholarship for Amboy High School students for fourteen years to honor

their parents Frank and Kathryn. Joanne was a long-time parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church. She worked in the Marian Shop there and served on the Board of Directors. Joanne also volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul. One of her special hobbies was needlework; all of the family enjoyed receiving Christmas stockings, pictures, ornaments and other handcrafted items. Joanne enjoyed playing party bridge and socializing. She loved to entertain, adorning her home with seasonal decorations, especially on St. Patrick's Day. Even her Westies had their own green attire. If possible, Jo would have trained them to do an Irish jig. Her annual Christmas party was a highlight of the season for many friends. Over the years she and her sister Mary Louise enjoyed spending their summers at their cabin in the cool pines of Munds Park. Joanne was preceded in death by her sister Helen Glessner. She is survived by her sisters Kathleen and Mary Louise of Phoenix; nieces Karen Timberlake (Dale) of Phoenix, Linda Disney (Bill) of Dixon, Illinois and nephew Jack Glessner (Debbie) of Flemington, New Jersey. Additionally, she is survived by three great nieces, two great nephews and two great-great nephews. The family requests that any donations be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or . Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 P.M. with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, July 23, 2017 at Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, 4800 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 24, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 4701 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy, Illinois.

Memories of Joanne



Condolences



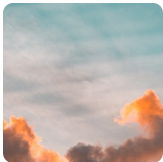
Guest -

I hope you and your family find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Below is a link that offers hope for those suffering and loved one that have passed. <https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/g201501/human-suffering/>



Guest -

What a marvelous event the earthly resurrection will be! It will be a time of irrepressible joy when families broken apart by death will be reunited! Jesus promises that those in the memorial tombs will come out. John 5:28,29



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It will be wonderful to see Joanne again. But is that possible? According to God's word the Bible she has a promise of resurrection to life again with us. John 5:28&29; clearly states that all those in memorial tombs and graves will come out to life again. Under the rule of God's kingdom death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore, Revelation 21:3,4 calls them "former things". It will be a good day to see Joanne again.