



## Joan E. Clodius

November 16, 1927 - January 29, 2012

Joan E. Clodius, 84 of Rockford, died on January 29, 2012 at 3:32 a.m. in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. She was born on November 16, 1927 in Walla Walla, Washington; daughter of Benson and Lois Coyle. Graduate of the University of Washington, where she majored in Far Eastern Studies. United in Marriage on August 27, 1949 to Robert Clodius in Yakima, Washington. Their marriage was truly a joint enterprise from the beginning. She partnered with Robert throughout his academic career, beginning with his time in graduate school early in their marriage. She was extremely supportive of her husband's career in academia. As he accepted positions of greater responsibility, she partnered with him by planning and orchestrating business and social events at the university. She detailed her experiences, and the experiences of other university president's wives in a book she wrote, "The President's Spouse: Volunteer or Volunteered." Joan was a lifelong lover of music and the arts. Member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. Survived by her husband, Robert; children, Catherine Clodius of Madison, WI; Mark (Monika) Clodius of Rockford; grandchildren, Christopher Clodius, Annabel Clodius; nephew, Lex Corbett of Moses Lake, WA; niece, Mary (Mike) Graham of Moses Lake, WA. Preceded in death by her parents and sister, Myrna Corbett. A Memorial Service will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford, Rockford. Rev. Dr. Mark Hagen will officiate. Memorials may be made in Joan's name to the Rockford Symphony Orchestra. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. To share a memory or condolence, visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Events

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**FEB**   **Service**                      01:00PM

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St. Mark Lutheran Church

675 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL, US, 61107

# Comments

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“ Dear Uncle Bob,  
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Joan. You may not remember me. I remember when you and Aunt Joan when you came out west a few times to visit with your brother Richard. You and Aunt Joan have always been in my heart. I know how difficult the loss of a loved one can be, so my thoughts and prayers go out to you, Mark, Monika, Catherine, Christopher and Annabel.

May God bless each of you during this time. May you be comforted with His loving hand now and always.

Richard Harmon Clodius

February 06, 2012 at 01:22 PM

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“ Dear Catherine and family,  
My sympathies to all of you in the loss of your mother. It's been several years, but I remember when your family lived in Shorewood Hills. It's hard to lose a parent, no matter what the age or circumstances. Ann Orchard

**Ann Orchard** - February 05, 2012 at 09:14 AM

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“ Dearest Dad,

I am so very sorry for the loss of Mom. Mom brought so much beauty and happiness to our family. And by her example of so many things that she did I tried to follow her example not always successfully. But I tried.

I will always treasure the many times that we spent as a family and I learned from Mom and you that family is extremely important that we must love each other with all of hearts.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and our family and I hope that these few words will give you much comfort in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

May Light Perptual shine upon Mom and grant her thy rest and peace

May God bless you and our family.

My deepest love to you always.

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**Catherine Eoline Clodius** - February 04, 2012 at 07:16 PM

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“ Our Alpha Phi group was enhanced when Joan became involved with our Rockford chapter. Joan had such varied experiences and interesting inisghts that stimulated our group and even gave us some good laughs. Wishing you Bob, improved health.  
Judy Danca, U of Wis., Iota 1959

**Judy Dornfeld Danca** - February 02, 2012 at 10:42 PM