



JoAnn Johnson

July 18, 1932 - July 2, 2019

JoAnn Johnson, 86, of Rockford died on July 2, 2019. Born July 18, 1932 in Rockford, daughter of Glen and Ruth (Clarke) Carter. JoAnn worked at the Center for Sight and Hearing for 15 years. While there, she became the first woman to be a member of the Lion's Club in Rockford, as well as the first President of the Rockford Noon Lions Club. She enjoyed doing things with family, loved to travel on trips and adventures. She rafted down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon and slept on the canyon floor; and also rafted the Snake River for a week. She loved going to AZ for 3 months for 10 years straight. She was an avid Cubs fans, watching as many games as possible. Survived by her children, Cindy (Craig) Roberts, Kathy Doulabi, Sue (John) Kelly, Mike Bryan; grandkids, Brett (Becky) Roberts, Corey (Lee) Itson, Darci Clark, Matt (Renee) Clark, Mina Doulabi, Ashton Doulabi; great-grandchildren, Grace, Kaelyn, Cordell, Kendra, Adison, Savanna, Drew and Avia; and dog, Destiny. Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Milestone. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall

GP

“ I belatedly offer my condolences to all of you who are JoAnn's family and friends. I want to share my memories and feelings about JoAnn.

I joined the Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired as Executive Director in 1988. for the net 6 1/2 years JoAnn and I were partners in the operation of the Center. When I came, there were some definite problems in various areas of the Center. To her credit, JoAnn just want to do the best job possible and showed great flexibility in improving the Center.

She was highly respected and well liked by the staff, volunteers and clients of the Center. I believe that she grew in self confidence and administrative skill as she got the respect from so many people that she always deserved.

When i arrived we were in deep financial trouble. While I provided some needed leadership, it as JoAnn who came up with the idea of starting a Bingo game. We explored it together, and she volunteered to manage the game. And she did an outstanding, and I mean OUTSTANDING, job. That game began generating over \$50,000 a year and was instrumental in getting us out of debt. She organized the game, managed the volunteers and became so liked by the crowd at Forest Hills. I think this success meant so much to her self esteem, and rightly so. And our Board of Directors was clearly told who was responsible for this, and they made sure she knew. It was great to see.

To finish, I want to tell you how much I liked Joann. Caring, honest, and someone who loved her family. And while 25 years have gone by since I left there, I clearly remember how many other felt the same way.

Greg Petty

Executive Director of the CSHI, 1988-94

Denver, CO

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Greg Petty - September 09, 2019 at 11:01 PM

DF

“ I knew JoAnnr while we both worked at Center for Sight/Hearing Impaired. She was a most efficient worker. Always friendly and kind. The world has lost a fine person.

Dorothy Fant

Dorothy Fant - July 11, 2019 at 06:27 AM

NA

“ JoAnn was a dear lady, great neighbor, fun travel companion, and loved to share a laugh! I will miss her! My heartfelt sympathy to all of her family. Nancy

nancy - July 10, 2019 at 04:38 PM

BP

“ I Was very sorry to learn of JoAnns P passing. Although I haven't seen her in many years, I remember her being so very nice. My condolences to the Family.
Bev Peter

Bev Peter - July 10, 2019 at 03:15 PM

AL

“ JoAnn was a true friend to everyone who came in contact with her. She raised her kids to be good people. She volunteered where ever she touched, her church, at Wesley Willows, and at CLR, and I'm sure more than that.. I only knew her for a few years, but I'm so thankful to have known her. She definitely left the world a little better than she found it. That's what we would hope to do in our lifetime.

Alice - July 07, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JR

*My heart aches...I will (and do) miss her so much. God bless and keep her children and grands.
Jacqueline Ryan*

Jacqueline Ryan - July 09, 2019 at 11:59 AM



I served on the condo board on Commonwealth with JoAnn. What a lovely lady!

Diane Gordon - July 11, 2019 at 12:06 PM

JH

I'm blessed to have know JoAnn; she was a wonderful person. She always had a great smile and a laugh that made everyone happy. My prayers are with her family.

Jan Hering - July 12, 2019 at 07:54 PM