



Joanne (Ittner) Hathaway

June 9, 1930 - August 30, 2015

Joanne Hathaway, beloved wife of 60 years to Clifford (deceased) and dearest mother to Danny (Joan) from England, Michael (Barbara) from Ohio, and Ruth (Michael Craft) from Hawaii, passed away on Sunday, August 30th, 2015. Joanne is also survived by her loving grandchildren: Ruth's children; Joanne (Adam Getty), Cacilie and Clifford (Jennifer); and Michael's children; Rebecca (Craig Heimbuch) and Brian. Joanne's great grandchildren are Jack, Dylan & Molly (Heimbuch) and Avery (Craft). Joanne was the last surviving of 6 sisters and one of only a few surviving 10 siblings and their loving spouses of her generation on Clifford's side of the family.

Joanne was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 9, 1930, lived in Vancouver, Washington for 34 years, and spent her last five years near family in Hawaii. Joanne served in many positions during her 85 years of life, but her most cherished roles were navy wife and mother. She was on her own for long lengths of time with her children, and during that time Joanne held everything together at home while also serving in countless volunteer positions; however she was a professional as well (bookkeeper, IRS agent, executive secretary, and so much more), even serving a short stint in the Waves. Joanne served her country her entire life, as her father was also in the navy, but her role as navy wife and mom should never be taken lightly. Not just any person (woman or man) has the strength and fortitude for this type of service, but Joanne most certainly did. She was one of the few who served exceptionally well, even under the most difficult of circumstances!

Indeed, Joanne may not be famous or have a fortune to her name, but all her loved ones consider themselves so very fortunate and blessed to have known her true light before dementia with Lewy bodies robbed her of so much of the wonderful lady we knew before. Joanne was the most vibrant, kind, graceful, and giving woman, and she was also a voracious fighter all through to the end, so we still experienced golden moments now and then wherein we saw little glimpses of her beautiful self shine through for all to see. We will all miss her dearly, but we have faith that she's at peace now and with the man she never forgot despite all the disease took from her. Joanne's many loved ones will always cherish the treasured memories shared with her, as the bright light of joy she brought into

every room she entered will never fade away in our hearts and minds.

Fly free, beautiful lady...

Comments



“ My sincere condolences to your family. May you find comfort found in the words of Isaiah 25:8

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“ Joanne was my aunt by virtue of her marriage to my uncle. It was my incredible good fortune to also call her friend. She was multi-talented. She was a wonderful cook, she made beautiful ceramics, and she was an absolutely amazing seamstress. She was a gracious hostess and a kind and compassionate lady. But when I remember her, I will always remember her laugh, and her sense of mischief and fun. When she was around, I knew that I was going to have a good time. And when I needed a shoulder to cry or an understanding ear to listen, she was always there. I read something today that summed up my feelings pretty well. I'm going to paraphrase: 'This woman whom I loved and admired for her strength and grace did not get that way because stuff worked out. She got that way because stuff went wrong, and she handled it. She handled it in a thousand different ways on a thousand different days, but she handled it.' She was and will always remain my hero. She taught me, by her example, how to live a richer life and I will carry her in my heart as long as I live. I am thankful that she is finally free of the disease that robbed her of almost everything. To her family, I know the sorrow of losing her, but I also know the incredible gift of being part of her life. Until we meet again dear friend, soar with the angels.

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joanne Hathaway.



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“ Joanne was our neighbor here in Vancouver and a good friend. Her energy was exceptional, walking miles everyday and doing yard work. She loved life and will be missed. Now when I pass her house I know that she will never return and that is sad. May she rest in Peace.

Dorothy Marks

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