



Joann Marie Derbyshire

October 26, 1949 - October 26, 2023

Joann M. "Jo" Recknagel Derbyshire died October 26, 2023, on her 74th birthday. She was born October 26, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan. Jo grew up in Detroit, and graduated from Lutheran High School East in 1967. She attended Michigan State University from 1967-1971, earning a Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

While at MSU, she met Jack Derbyshire from Clawson, MI and they married on August 12, 1972. Their marriage lasted over 50 years, until her death. Jo worked for the Social Security Administration in downtown Chicago from 1973-2012. She advanced into progressively more responsible positions, with numerous award citations before her retirement. Once Jo retired in 2012, they moved to the Toledo area. She enjoyed her creative side, making small tokens for her fellow workers and family. She tried to bring a little joy to everyone she met, using her crafts, art and humor. Jack said, before her death, "She was the smartest person I ever knew".

Surviving is Jo's loving husband Jack, sisters Susan Koeppen and Karen Shalfeieff; her husband's family Linda (Peter) Dahl, Leslie (Beverly) Derbyshire, and Daniel (Sharon) Derbyshire, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, November 3rd, from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service at 5:30. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research. Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jo sent us a beautiful triple trunk Bonsai plant when our 49 year old son passed away last year the day after Thanksgiving. She also enjoyed sending us fun online holiday messages as they came up. When Pete and I were planning our wedding, she offered to create my veil and headpiece. She did a beautiful job and also ended up creating my bridal parties headpieces as well. She was very talented in every way. I found in my wedding memo that “Jo stayed that night and helped tremendously with the last minute details” and she helped decorate the hall in the afternoon with my mom and 2 bridesmaids.

Linda Dahl - October 29, 2023 at 03:00 PM

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Every interaction I have had with Joann was wonderful. I enjoyed our conversations and loved to get her take on books or authors to check out. Her kindness and humor will be long remembered.

Becky Belford - November 01, 2023 at 11:30 AM