



## Joanne Grossmann

November 18, 1930 - May 5, 2017

### Joanne Grossmann

Joanne passed away on Friday, May 5th, 2017. She was born in Perrysburg, Ohio on Nov. 18, 1930. She loved to draw from a very early age and her talent soon became apparent. Animals, especially horses and deer, were often the subject of her drawings. Her love for all animals is evident in many of her works.

After graduation from Perrysburg High School in 1948 Joanne attended Bowling Green State University for a year and then transferred to Ohio University in Athens to Study Art.

Joanne married Fred Grossmann Jr. in 1952 and started a family, settling in West Toledo. During this time, Joanne painted as time allowed and continued her art studies at the Toledo Museum of Art. In 1972, the family moved to a grand home in historic Westmoreland. The "Ballroom" served as a fine studio for Joanne. The huge ceilings and ample wall space of the home allowed Joanne to paint large and indeed she did.

Throughout her career, Joanne has entered many art shows including the Toledo Area Artists exhibition, winning multiple awards over the years. Other venues include the Preview '71 exhibition in Cincinnati and the Butler Institute of Art in Youngstown, where her work remains to this day.

Joanne and Fred were avid horse racing fans, making twice yearly trips to Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky. The beautiful landscape and majesty of the horses inspired many paintings. Many of these were showcased at The

Derby Days exhibition at 20 North Gallery in 2008.

Joanne has a painting on permanent display in the Owens Illinois World Headquarters and in the City of Perrysburg municipal building.

Joanne was also an author: "Letters from Camp", published in 2001. This is a compilation of letters her father Floyd Thornton (former Mayor of Perrysburg) wrote home detailing his experiences as an Army officer during WWI.

She is preceded in death by her husband Fred W. Grossmann Jr., her father Floyd, mother Jeanette, brother Tom and sister Annette Thornton. Surviving is her brother Rick, children Fred (Sue), George (Susan), Maggie (Mike) Iannone. Grandchildren Gretchen (Ian) Sutherland, Will Grossmann, Gabrielle, Lily and George Grossmann, Michael, Nick and James Iannone. One great granddaughter Nellie Sutherland and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held on Thursday May 11th at 10:00am in the Ft. Meigs cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Humane Society of Toledo or Paws and Whiskers.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Meigs Cemetery**

620 W Indiana  
Perrysburg, OH 43551  
(419) 874-7881

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear Grossman Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Aunt Joey was a remarkable woman. I still am inspired by her paintings, and have fond childhood memories of the Bearss/Grossman Christmas parties she held every year. She wore that long plaid xmas skirt, and her home was beautifully decorated. We'd celebrate Uncle Freddie's December birthday with a big cake, and all the cousins ran around jacked up on Hersey's kisses. I feel so lucky to have been part of her family, and will miss her. Blessings to her spirit, and to you all. Warmly, Katie Coyle Todd

*See More from Megan M. Stamos*

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**Megan Stamos** - May 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM

KT

“ Very sorry to hear your great loss. I first met Joanne at the Westmoreland Garden Club 35 years ago. I enjoyed our time together visiting and going to TSO concerts. She was a beautiful, very caring warm human being and extremely talented. I still remember her big letters on notes, how she carried cute 'conversations' with her cats. We shared our values and kept in touch though I have moved away from Toledo 16 years ago. The last time I saw her was two years ago at her condo. I shall always treasure our time together and miss her greatly! May she rest in peace.

*Keiko Takeshita*

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**Keiko Takeshita** - May 13, 2017 at 12:15 AM

SB

“ I was so, so sorry to see that she passed away. We worked together for more than 20 years and she was one of my favorite people. She always seemed so perky and happy and able to deal with whatever came her way. And she was just so darned cute! She will be truly missed.

*Sue Bedra*

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**Susan Bedra** - May 12, 2017 at 09:26 AM

KG

“ To all the Grossmann's: I extend my sympathy to all of you. The Gast family is saddened by the loss of your mom. We all have fond memories of her--from the wonderful almond crescent cookies at Christmas time to her allowing "The Beatles" shows in your living room--the list goes on and on. Mag, I would love to hear from you.

*Kathy Gast*

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**Kathleen Gast** - May 11, 2017 at 01:49 PM

JW

“ To all of Joey's family: It is with the deepest sadness that I offer my condolences in Joey's memory. She was a wonderful friend and I will miss her dearly! Words can not express my sorrow in her passing. To you all I extend my deepest heartfelt sympathies. May she rest in PEACE! God Bless you all!! With Love, Jean Ward and family

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**J.Jean Ward** - May 11, 2017 at 09:54 AM

NE

“ Dear Family, Having grown up next to Daddy Jim and Dot Bearss I had the pleasure of meeting your mother. My fondest memory of her was when she would paint those beautiful Easter eggs, hide them and then the search was on. Once found, who would want to crack that shell and destroy the art work ? Given enough time the destruction of the egg became very easy! I remember when Jimmy and I went over to your house in Westmoreland and Joey took us up to her studio and shared some of her beautiful works with us. Some that still hangs in my home today. Another precious moment was when I went to the Museum to see her works in an Art Show. She had painted a window with the river outside...so beautiful I called Joey a commissioned her to paint a smaller version for me. You would have loved the day she delivered it in her car with the top down and the picture blowing the breeze. What a wonderful memorial for me, She was a special, caring, thoughtful woman and someone proud to have known. I will keep he in my prayers and know that she is heaven painting with the masters, Michelangelo, and company. God Bless you all, Nancy Starner Eade

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**Nanncy Starner Eade** - May 10, 2017 at 01:33 PM