



JoAnn Kay Hewitt

January 31, 1935 - June 15, 2022

JoAnn Kay Hewitt, 87, of Monessen, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 following a short illness. Born in Monessen on January 31, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Bert Harrison Rue and Sarah Gregory Rue. She was a 1952 graduate of Monessen High School. JoAnn was employed by Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh as a phlebotomist until moving to Phoenix, AZ in 1997, where she worked for The Plasma Center in Phoenix. In 1999, JoAnn started working for GEO Corp at the Arizona State Prison as the librarian, retiring in 2014.

She had a very vibrant and fun, loving personality, and was always full of spunk! JoAnn's life was an adventure. She was an amazing, bold, strong, loving, and courageous woman. People didn't have to wonder long about what she might be thinking because she was always willing to share. She had strong beliefs and opinions about things and expressed them with energy and enthusiasm. Still, she was interested and curious about what others thought and was a willing listener, even when she did not agree.

The lessons JoAnn learned from the pleasant and the painful experiences of her life gave her a keen sense of the moment. She was perceptive, witty, and very funny. It would be fair to describe her as predictably unpredictable; willing to turn on a dime and change course and always with very good reasons. She was strong-willed and full of spirit. She was known as a legendary fighter and fought for what she believed, what she wanted, and especially for those she loved.

JoAnn was also very passionate about her faith. She was a long-time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Monessen, and later attended the Christian Center in Belle Vernon. Those of us who knew her and loved her best, believe that she stormed the gates of Heaven, had express check-in, and became the life of the party in an instant. If JoAnn could have the last word, it would be probably be, "Hey, you know what? I lived my life as well as I could and did it my way."

Her most cherished moments were times spent with her family and friends. She is survived by two sons, Edward Macik of Anaheim, CA and Ernest Hewitt of Florence, AZ; a daughter and son in-law, Linda and Bill Horrell of Belle Vernon; seven grandchildren, Nicholas Povich, Michael (Kylie) Horrell, Aaron Horrell, Ernie Hewitt, Kirstie Hewitt, Nathan Hewitt, and Bradyn Hewitt; and four great grandchildren, Amelia Hewitt, Kalani Horrell, Daniel Hewitt-Garcia, and Madison Hewitt-Garcia.

As the last of her generation of the Rue family, JoAnn was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bert (Gertrude), James (Lila), Robert (Mabel) and Palmer Rue, and Alvin Rue in infancy; and her sisters, Sarah Westerman (Ron) and her beloved Margaret Freado (Peter).

Local arrangements have been entrusted to the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. 700 Broad Avenue. Belle Vernon, PA 15012. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com . A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the Christian Center Church, 130 Charity Lane, Belle Vernon, PA 15012, followed by a dinner in the Christian Center's fellowship hall.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 5:30 PM (ET)

Christian Center Church
130 Charity Lane
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of JoAnn Kay Hewitt.*



July 31, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Kay Hewitt.*



July 29, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Linda,
Our deepest condolences to you and your family. I am astounded at how much you look like your beautiful mother! It is obvious that you inherited her energy and zest for life! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Lori and John Vivio*

loren vivio - July 17, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Blessings to Ed and Linda...so sorry for your loss!
Love, Ellen (Elynn Light)*

Elynn Light - July 16, 2022 at 01:02 AM

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“ Joann always brought joy, fun and laughter wherever she was. We became fast friends the day we met at The GEO Group. I can still hear her say, 'Whaaatever' when she thought someone was feeding her a line of bull. My little buddy never failed to make me smile. Joann will forever be in my thoughts and I will be eternally grateful for having her in my life. Thank you Linda for letting me spend a little time with you and her in her last days. May you and your family take comfort in knowing she is with Jesus in Paradise.

Liz Schiavo - July 15, 2022 at 07:30 PM



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July 15, 2022 at 04:36 PM

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“ Linda, my deepest condolence.... you look just like your mom.
Betty Ventura
Ashburn, VA

Betty Ann Kucik Ventura - July 12, 2022 at 12:53 PM