



***Illinois JCI Senate Family News  
August 29, 2022***

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We are sad to share that our dear friend, current chaplain, and Past Illinois JCI Senate President #36, **JoAnn Smith #51107** passed away on Sunday, August 28.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 31 at Schneider Leucht Merwin Cooney Funeral Home, 1211 N. Seminary Ave, Woodstock, IL from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm with a prayer service at 6:30 pm. The funeral mass will be on Thursday, September 1 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 312 Lincoln Ave., Woodstock, IL at 10:30 am. Interment will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Woodstock.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Colon Cancer Coalition (JoAnn's niece died of colon cancer) or the Catholic Assistance Mission.

Cards of comfort can be sent to her daughter Shaun Will at 1384 Arbor Knot Dr. Kyle, TX 78640.

From **Dave Chapman #45773**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Once more the loving memories of a life well lived are the truest measure of a friend during these times of troubles when smiles are returned as our thoughts turn to that special someone in our lives. There lie the riches and rewards redeemed not by being told what to do or not to do but for her being there with open arms and an attentive ear, for only those who have suffered can truly understand suffering on this deep a level as we say not farewell or goodbye to our Mom, Grandma, friend, mentor, partner JoAnn Smith but choose to say I was so lucky to have met and known her.

Thank You for being all these things and more and for unselfishly touching peoples lives in ways even you could not have known at the time. Thank you for making OUR lives better for having known you and if there is anything that we have learned that we have shared with others then know that JoAnn will be smiling knowing that she has left this world and the little corner she shared with us just a little bit better.

It is in consoling that we are consoled and many will have wonderful stories to share about JoAnn over the fullness of her life but for some those special memories are your own quiet reflection on how you felt after you shared with JoAnn, maybe you were in desperate need of help or understanding of your situation and the story that no one but you and she shared and that is where we shall always find her in that corner of our heart from which she will never stray. Our Hearts may be breaking today but eternal joy should be felt at the reminder that no matter how well or how long or where on your Life's Journey or hers that you were lucky enough to cross paths with this remarkable woman, our friend JoAnn Smith.

In short time we will change from the deep shock at so sudden a loss of someone who has been in our lives so intricately involved and now we will physically miss them at events and family gatherings, including friends around the World but if there is ever case for a glass to be raised in her memory JoAnn would be glad to know that it was shared by all of us whom she knew as her friends and her Family. Thank you for giving us your Love JoAnn.

Eternal rest Grant unto them oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest In Peace

Amen

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