

Joanne Rickers Patterson, 62

Sept. 12, 1947 - Dec. 4, 2009

DES MOINES — Joanne Rickers Patterson, (62), passed away on December 4, 2009 at Hospice Kavanagh House in Des Moines. She was warmly greeted at the pearly gates by the two loves of her life, Roger and Jack. Heaven will be joyous and bright now that our beloved friend, mother, sister and daughter joined the angels. Joanne lived a vibrant and inspirational life. She touched countless lives with her positive energy and enduring smile. Memories of Joanne are colored by her beloved purple and scents of Chardonnay. She was a wonderful host both at work and at home. She had the ability to make any event special no matter how large or small. She cherished the times spent with friends and was always prepared to socialize. Even in her more challenging days she smiled and laughed with loved ones, especially if she was given a glass of wine. To describe Joanne as altruistic would be an understatement. She was committed to providing joy and comfort to others at every opportunity. According to her daughter, Tiffany, Joanne is now employed as a Guardian Angel. The world has lost a very special woman but her spirit will endure through all who have been blessed by her light. Look up to Heaven when you are in need and think of Joanne as she smiles upon you because hers is a smile that extends far beyond her death.



Joanne was born on September 12, 1947 in Earling, one of ten children of Otto and Clara Kloewer. She graduated from Harlan High School. Joanne worked as an Events Coordinator at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines for 25 years. Joanne retired on August 2, 2009, due to related health issues. Joanne was a member of St. Augustin Catholic Church, and very involved with the support groups, Ssenipah and LADOS. She was also active in many other convention and tourism related associations.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Roger Alan Rickers and Dr. John Patterson; and two brothers, Robert Kloewer and Raymond Kloewer. She is survived and lovingly remembered by her three children, Trew (Kirsten) Rickers of Atlanta, GA, Tyler Rickers of Madison, WI and Tiffany Rickers of Des Moines; three grandchildren, Campbell, Lucy and Nash; two brothers, John (Nona) Kloewer and Eugene Kloewer and five sisters, Rose Feldman, Theresa Johnson (Harlan), Bernice (Ray) Aschoff, Lucille "Tiny" (Mick) Schmidt, Mary Jane (Dale) Swanson, Sister-in-law Jan Kloewer, sister-in-law Carol (Lee) Rasmussen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday December 8, 2009 at St. Augustin Catholic Church. A prayer service was held in Harlan, at St. Michael Catholic Church at 3:30 p.m. on

Tuesday December 8, 2009, with burial following at Harlan Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Monday December 7, 2009 with a Scripture service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Iles Funeral Homes - Dunn's Chapel. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Special Olympics of Iowa, P.O. Box 620, Grimes, IA, 50111.

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