



Joanne D. Sousa

August 28, 1939 - November 7, 2020

Long time Benicia resident Joanne Sousa, 81, passed away on Saturday, November 7th, at home with her family by her side.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori Svensson (Sousa), son-in-law, Thomas Svensson, brother, Robert Schomann and sister, Mary Lange (Schomann).

Joanne loved music and nature...especially animals. She had a wonderful singing voice and always had a wide variety of music playing in the home. Over the years, she had many dogs and cats she adored. She especially loved her daughter's dog, Wiley. She was an excellent seamstress and spent many hours creating beautiful costumes for her daughter when she skated in her youth. Later in life, she discovered another form of handwork-quilting. Her quilts adorned the walls and beds of her home as well as her daughter's. She was a devoted mother to her only child, Lori, and also a devoted wife to her late husband, Larry Sousa. We will miss her dearly.

There will be no services. Her ashes will be scattered with her late husband, Larry Sousa. In lieu of flowers or gifts, you can donate to this charity at the request of the family: <https://www.pcrm.org>

Comments



“ Joann has been one of my dearest friends since the 6th grade. We had so many life similarities and were so close. She had such an outgoing personality and so fun to be around. We loved to spend the night together and make donuts. Also she ate tuna fish sandwiches everyday. I don't think she ever missed a day. She loved Larry and Lori was the love of their lives. During her last months Lori and husband Thomas were there caring for her. What joy that must have been for her. I will miss her so much. She will always be close to my heart. I was blessed to have her in my life. Sending my love and may God's grace carry thru this time. Love and always. Eda Jo Westfall

Eda Jo Westfall - November 14, 2020 at 12:56 AM



“ My kitchen window looked out at Joann's apt for 22 years. I could often find her basking in the sun. She could not get enough of it's warmth even if she did turn a bit toasty. I never saw her without a smile for me and a loving pet for my various dogs. I found great comfort seeing her blinds going up and down and lights going on and off and just knowing she was there. She was a most loving mother to her only child Lori and took such pride in her and her son in law, Thomas. For many years she would wash her quits and hang them out to dry. They were beautiful and I marveled at her skill. Sometimes I could hear her music and hear her singing. I have no doubt this beautiful and loving woman and friend is now singing with the angels, her dear husband Larry and all of the dogs who touched her life. A special lady I will not forget
Lindy Cullen

Lindy Cullen - November 11, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Lorraine Devlin lit a candle in memory of Joanne D. Sousa



Lorraine Devlin - November 11, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Oh Joanne - it looks like our cotillion days are over now. I will miss our conversations that allowed for no shadows. Your direct line of questioning always brought truth and reality to light with a flair of humor that made me laugh; best of all at myself. I loved your flair for decorating, your keen eye for quality, your vast knowledge and intelligence of life, your rapier wit, and take charge attitude.

You brooked no bullshit and I loved that! You were unique (as in Onay of a Kind), amazing, talented, smart, kind, loving, funny as hell, could put together a splendid tableau like no one else, but most of all you always made me feel welcomed and loved..

You listened to stories with full attention, gave great advice, and called it like you saw it. I loved to sit in your living room or on your porch and tell you what was going on in my saga drama life. I will miss those talks. I will miss your insight. I will miss your genuine interest and concern.

I loved you as a friend, as Lori's mom, and just as Joanne!
I'm sorry you never got to see me do that triple axle - it was spectacular!

Kelli Shaw (KC Sullivan) - November 11, 2020 at 06:52 PM