

Joan Barbara Stringham

December 11, 1936 ~ April 10, 2021

Joan was born in Denver, Colorado, along with her twin brother Joe to Charles LeRoy and Gladys Shirk. She graduated from Provo High School and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in education and music from Westminster College. In August 1959, she was joined in holy matrimony to Ronald R. Stringham at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Provo. She worked for several years as an elementary school teacher, beginning at Glendale Elementary and retired from teaching while at Rose Park Elementary.

During her youth, mom was active in Job's Daughters International, where she was always grateful for a wonderful circle of close friends. Mom continued to share her love of music with Job's Daughters; Order of the Eastern Star; Daughters of the Nile; Social Order of the Beauceant and P.E.O, where she was an active member. She believed that music was good for the soul and a gift from God to share. She was a Majority Member of Bethel No. 4, Job's Daughters International in Provo; Past Matron of Mount Olympus Chapter No. 23, Order of the Eastern Star; and Past President of Midvale Assembly No. 247, Social Order of the Beauceant.

Mom loved art in all forms, from crafty coloring techniques, making pop-up books, to all types of hand-embroidery work. Her quiet time was enjoying playing great hands of solitaire.

Mom passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 10, laying down all of life's burdens to receive the crown of eternal life, graced by Edie, Dean, Gale and Bob at her side.

Joan is survived by her daughter and son Edie and Dean Rein; in-laws Bob and Gale Stringham and Geri Shirk; nieces; nephews and several children whom she truly moved with her teaching.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ron, sister Monie Chambers, twin-brother Joe Shirk, two nephews and a niece.

We are thankful to Joan's Silverado Hospice team: Kristie, Mia, Terra, Pam and Jamie, for the special care they gave in her final days. Thank you to the staff of Spring Creek Skilled Nursing for being her surrogate family while she was in a year-long lockdown due to the pandemic.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 700 East in Sandy. Friends may call from 10:00-10:45 a.m. that morning for a visitation with the service starting at 11:00 a.m.

Interment to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1342 East 500 South in Salt Lake City. Grave dedication and the sisters of Midvale Assembly No. 247, Social Order of the Beauceant will pay tribute to their departed sister Joan with the Memorial Service of the Social Order of the Beauceant.

Please be advised that the use of face coverings, physical distancing, hand hygiene, contact tracing measures and other precautions will be in place at all times.

Friends who are unable to attend in person will be able to watch via YouTube and Facebook using the following links:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Service: https://goodshepherdutah.sermoncloud.com/live
Mount Olivet Graveside Service:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yLgGl98Th7QLbgDOk_FZJiQIdotOzUWL4kCez3NlVUBuGuC0acU1XQY3HnsejbBS.V

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scottish Rite RiteCare by visiting www.ritecareutah.org/donate/ or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 1033 Long Prairie Road, Suite 5, Flower Mound, TX 75022 in loving memory of Joan Stringham.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to experience the gift of support, comfort and love during our time of grief and loss.

We experience loss. We grieve. We ache. We feel deep pain. In all of this, we have no arms to hug us close, as in the past. We have no shared memories of our loved ones, from others who know our loved one.

At this time of loss of our loved one, we begin to plan for a time in the future to gather and experience this love and comfort from all of our dear ones.

We will gather at a good friend’s back yard, holding an 'Open Celebration of Love' where good food, hugs and stories, tears, and laughter from loved ones will be welcome.

Please know you are welcome to join us when it is safe to do so.