



Joan Archer

September 16, 1925 - May 26, 2018

Joan Archer, 92 of Ephrata, Wa passed away Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Columbia Basin Hospital in Ephrata.

She was born in Kanorado, Kansas on September 16, 1925 to Earl and Pauline Burd. She moved with her family across the country to escape the "Dust Bowl" and begin a new life. Her dad hoped to find work in the orchards around Yakima and they stopped overnight in Ephrata. Within hours of arriving in town Earl found work as a mechanic and Ephrata became home. Joan graduated in 1943 from Ephrata High School then attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

During that time she met a handsome P-38 fighter pilot who was stationed in Ephrata. After Jim returned from over seas they were married at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, AZ August 28, 1945. They returned to Ephrata for a short visit and stayed for a lifetime.

Joan was an outstanding tennis player in high school and taught herself to play the piano. Later, golf became her passion. Her and Jim were active members at Lakeview Golf and Country Club. Her golf highlight was recording a hole-in-one at a course in Florida while on vacation. Each year one of her resolutions was to improve her golf game.

Joan was a member of several community service organizations including P.E.O Sisterhood. She retired after many years as secretary at the Grant County Prosecutor's office where she both intimidated and rescued many young struggling attorneys.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jim, sisters Earlene (Harvill), Norma Lee (Scheib) and a brother, Adrian. She is survived by a brother Robert of Gig Harbor; sons Gary (Sandy) and Jim (Kathy) both of Ephrata; grandchildren Geoff (Elizabeth Silver) of Seattle, Becca (Ryan) Doree of Spokane, Kacey (Jeff) Bivens of Vancouver, Karley (Mannual) Gomez of Pullman; 7 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held at Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 172 Ivy St, Ephrata at 11:00 AM, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Nicoles Funeral Home is in charge of services. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
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Previous Events

Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Redeemers Presbyterian Church
172 Ivy St SE
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Archer*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - June 05, 2018 at 01:41 PM

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So sorry to hear of aunt Joann's passing. Such a marvelous tribute. She was a very wonderful aunt to have growing up. We are in Denver with family and not able to make it back for a final goodbye to aunt Joan. Please except our heartfelt condolences. Regards mike and Edie Harvill

mike harvill - June 08, 2018 at 07:10 PM

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“ To my two cousins ; Gary and Jimmy Scott,
So saddened to hear of Aunt Joan's passing. As I have often said,
she was my favorite aunt and I will cherish all the family memories.
I just viewed the video tribute to Joan and it was lovely. Such a
wonderful family and great accomplishments represented. Your
mom was such a joyous part of my childhood. If anything exciting
happened in my life I couldn't wait to share it with her as she was so
encouraging. A most gracious lady and one to look up to. Her and
mom and grandma Burd and Norma would get together with aunt
Wilda and the laughter would fill the house!! I loved those days
growing up with you two and your folks.
I won't be ablt to attend aunt Joan's services but please know she is
in my thoughts and I will be thinking of you all.
Much love to the Archer boys and your extended family.
Cousin, Cathy

Cathy Klaene - June 07, 2018 at 10:52 AM