



## Joan E Furay

March 21, 1921 - June 17, 2017

Joan Ella Furay, age 96, passed away on June 17, 2017 in Newport, OR. She was born in Omaha, NE to Ben and Ruth (Rosengren) Groesbeck. She attended South Omaha High School graduating in 1939. As a young girl she was thrilled to be able to visit the set during the filming of "Boys Town". She had the hand that shook the hand of Mickey Rooney!

On February 15, 1941 she married William (Bill) A. Furay in Omaha. During WWII, Bill served his country on the battlefields of Europe and Joan served working at the Glen L. Martin Bomber Plant in Omaha. She was an original Rosie the Riveter! After the War ended Bill, Joan and their two sons (Daniel and William II), continued to live in Omaha until moving to Sioux City, IA in 1950. Their son David was born there and in 1958 the family moved to Chicago, IL. They returned to Sioux City in 1962.

After her husband's death in 1974, Joan worked at J.C. Penney Co, in the credit and catalog department, until her retirement in 1986. Prior to moving to Newport, OR in 2004, Joan was an active member of the Nativity Catholic Church, Co-Fraternity of Christian Mothers and a Catechist of the Children's Liturgy. In Newport, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Joan was an accomplished seamstress, enjoyed golf, watching baseball (especially the White Sox) and Jeopardy. She was an avid reader and eagerly

awaited new releases from Robert B. Parker. She loved being with people, entertaining and, even into her late 80s, baked holiday goodie baskets, hosted dinners and, of course, enjoyed "Happy Hour"! Most of all, she loved her family. She made many memorable trips visiting them in Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois and Oregon. Joan especially enjoyed the family reunions that were held at Lake Okoboji, IA, Orlando, FL and Kankakee, IL.

Joan was a woman of great faith and is now reunited with her husband Bill, sons Bill II and Dave, her parents and the many friends who have gone before her.

She is survived by her son, Dan (Camille) Furay; daughter-n-laws Sue Furay and Debi Furay; grandchildren Laurie (George) Pfothauer, Susan (Tom) Chambers, Bill (Kristin) Furay, Debbie (Paul) Bied, Kerry (Diego) Castillo and Kristin (Mike) Hand; 17 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial for Joan will be held at a future date in Missouri. Condolences can be shared online at <http://www.batemanpacificview.com/notices/Joan-Furay> and donations to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ 7 files added to the album *Debi Furay*



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**Bateman Newport LLC** - June 29, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Camille Furay*



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“ 1 file added to the album *Debi*



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JM

“ When my daughter, Debi, introduced me to Joan I felt I had known her for years. Joan was so gracious and caring. Her smile and laughter were heartwarming. It was easy to see and feel the keen sense of humor, love of family, friends and her faith. Joan and I were both "Mom" to Debi, and I was so pleased to share that honor with her. I have wonderful memories of the times we spent dining out, driving and seeing sights, times at her home and Debi and David's, watching her interact with Lyle, and the laughter. My condolences to you all."When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart and you shall see in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." ----Kahil Gibran ----The Prophet

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**Joann Mayne** - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mel and Dave loved seeing her drive up when they were working on houses. "She brought cookies and juice to us almost every day...and they were good cookies!" ~ Joan had a special place in our hearts from the first meeting. Her smile and laugh are unforgettable. She will always remain in our hearts. ~ Our condolences to you. ~ You are in our prayers.



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**Mel & Eunice Jenson** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mel & Eunice Jenson lit a candle in memory of Joan E Furay



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**Mel & Eunice Jenson** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I had the pleasure of having this lovely woman in my life for 52 years and the honor of calling her my friend as I grew into adulthood. Optimistic, cheerful, resilient, warm and witty are just a few words that come to mind when I reflect upon my grandmother. Thank you for inspiring my love of God, teaching my that you put true love first, and showing me how to live life to the fullest through all its ups and downs. And of course how to enjoy "Happy Hour". Your fighting spirit will forever live on in my heart. Welcome home Grandma!

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**Laurie Pfothenauer** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ To Debbie and David's family - may your thoughts be those of memories that are full and happy. She has gone to join David and they are at peace knowing all those that loved them will continue to remember them . Memories are the best way to hold on to our loved ones. May the comfort of these memories help in the days to come and years to follow and know Joan loved you with all her heart --- The care that you gave her in her final years Debbie is pure love. Bless you for all you did out of love for her. David - I know was watching over you both with pride and waiting for his mothers arrival. Knowing until then she was in loving hands

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**Aunt Sharon and Family in Tn** - June 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My sincere condolences to the family for your loss. May the promises in God's word provide you with comfort and strength during this most difficult time. John 5:28-29

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**Betty D** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM