



Joan Virginia Laib

January 4, 1945 - April 3, 2019

Joan V. (Griffin) Laib of Blaine, MN passed away on April 3, 2019, at Unity Hospital in Fridley, MN. She was born on January 4, 1945 in Casper, WY to Raymond and Helen (Erickson) Griffin. The family moved to Bismarck, ND where Joan graduated from Bismarck High School in 1963 and Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing in 1966. She married Mervin Laib in 1966, and they then moved to Minnesota. Their daughter Rhonda was born in 1969.

Joan's life was one of service to others. She worked in various nursing homes in Minnesota, including Glenwood, Golden Valley, Delano, and Ambassador in New Hope. She also worked in numerous chemical dependency treatment centers in Minnesota including Prospect Park, Twin Town, Bridgeway, Pride, and Woodbury. She moved on to Cigna where she was a Case Manager who coordinated necessary care and services for CD patients and their families. She worked for 44 years in her nursing profession caring about others and helping patients become more responsible and independent people. Joan retired in 2010. Joan was very proud of her 41 years of sobriety.

Joan loved traveling and having fun and had a great sense of humor. One special trip she took was traveling to Alaska in 2012 with her sister and brother-in-law. Joan also had a special love of animals and had many pets throughout her life.

Joan was predeceased by her parents. Survivors are her daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and Doug Basch, Coon Rapids, MN; Mervin Laib, Coon Rapids, MN; her sister and brother-in-law Carol Griffin Eckart and Dwight Eckart, Bismarck, ND; and special friends Carol and Melvin Davis, Minneapolis, MN.

She has been cremated and no service will be held.

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ *The years spent with Joan have been rewarding, she was a fun caring person. She will be missed by all who knew her. RIP Joan, you are missed already and will be forever. Love you.*

Dwight Eckart - April 06, 2019 at 10:56 PM

BS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



bobby stack - April 06, 2019 at 02:42 PM

BS

“ *RIP my angel 100 🙏💔💔 this Beautiful woman save my life 1989 she never gave up on me She was my rehab nurse in Minnesota I had been in very bad shape and drinking , I needed emergency heart surgery she took care of everything love you Joan ❤️ there's not enough words to describe what a wonderful woman she was and how many people she helped 🙏 she was selfless 100 We lost contact in 1992, reunited 3 years ago*

bobby stack - April 05, 2019 at 11:45 PM

CG

“ *Joanie, you were my sister and friend. We shared a lot - the good and the bad - all our lives. I will miss you, your knowledge, and your sense of humor the rest of my life. I'm glad you are finally without pain and at peace.*



Carol Griffin-Eckart - April 05, 2019 at 09:10 PM

MM

“ *I will always be grateful to Joan for her influence in my life and the help and support she provided to me when I was young. She always has been and always will be in my heart. Love to you Rhonda and Doug.*

Michele Mandrich - April 05, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DB

“ *Joan, I will always cherish the great memories we have shared over the last 30 years, and love you dearly! Thank you for being such a great mother to Rhonda, and a wonderful mother-in-law to me...you will always have a special place in my heart. You will be terribly missed, but we have comfort and peace knowing you are free of pain and can rest in peace...I love you Joan!*

Doug Basch - April 04, 2019 at 11:14 PM

RB

“ *Mom, I am going to miss you so much! You truly were the best mother. You always put myself and others first, and had such a huge heart! I love you so much!!*

Your loving daughter.

Rhonda

Rhonda Basch - April 04, 2019 at 10:02 PM

CD

I was with you on your first day on the job in chemical dependency. I was with you when you took your last breath. I am going to miss you my dear friend

carol davis - April 05, 2019 at 11:32 AM

DR

She was a good nurse manager and a sweet woman.

Dave Rask - April 25, 2024 at 06:15 PM