



JoAnn Marlys Danberg

November 15, 1941 - August 22, 2021

JoAnn Danberg [Gierke], born 1941, Hutchinson.

On Aug 22, JoAnn died peacefully with her children and husband Kale W. Danberg, by her side in Robbinsdale, MN.

JoAnn graduated from Hutchison High School in 1959. On Aug. 27, 1960, she was united in marriage to Gary Gehlen. JoAnn and Gary had six children. While living in Hutchinson, JoAnn was a member of The Altar and Rosary Society at St. Anastasia Catholic Church and the BPO Elks Lodge 2427, where she made many friends. JoAnn worked at Rexall Drug and as a senior citizen activity coordinator planning activities and trips for seniors.

In 1990, she married Kale W. Danberg. She resided with Kale in Brooklyn Park until her death.

Throughout her life, JoAnn enjoyed bowling, gardening, travelling, and fishing, was an avid reader and life-long learner. She especially enjoyed fishing, and spending time in Annandale on Cedar Lake, where she and Kale spent summer weekends. JoAnn had a remarkable relationship with the Lord, which grew stronger the last years of her life.

JoAnn excelled at any job into which she was hired. Her last position was with

Korn Ferry, a global consulting firm, where she was a deployment consultant working with corporations around the world. After more than 15 years with Korn Ferry, she retired in 2019.

JoAnn will be remembered for her quiet wit and for how she could talk for hours sharing her love of life.

She's preceded in death by, her Mother Mable Gierke, maternal grandparents, Ernest and Hannah Gierke, and grandson Joshua Walter.

She is survived by her husband Kale Danberg, her daughters, Lori Haapala [Mike], Eau Claire WI, Beth Krasean, Willmar, Nancy Rossi [Steve], Frederick, CO, Gwen Johnson [Wayne], Blomkest, Denise Floen, Coon Rapids, and a son, Gary Gehlen [Jennifer] of Savage. She leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She's also survived by her half-sisters Myrna Corvelli, Mary DuFault, Pat Gavin, and half-brothers Lloyd and Mike Hammerstrom, all of Bemidji, MN. She is also survived by her stepchildren Linda Ponsford, Dassel and Jeff Danberg, Cokato.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale and to Mary Broughton, PA-C at Voyage Healthcare, for the extraordinary care provided.

Washburn-McReavy Cremation Services at 5125 W Broadway Ave, Crystal, MN, is serving the family. Visitation is Sept. 7, at 10 a.m., with a celebration of JoAnn's life at 11 a.m.

To express condolences online, please visit obituaries at www.washburn-mcreavy.com

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations be sent to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital or the Salvation Army.

The Family is requesting Masks on Everyone at the service

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Other

SEP 8 (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ *Messaged JoAnn on July 3rd to ask what I could do for her, and she asked how I was doing and told me she was keeping me in her prayers. Wow! What an amazingly kind and unselfish woman she was! So sorry for your loss. Continued prayers.* ”

Donette Danberg - September 06, 2021 at 12:46 PM



Thank you Donette. She was an amazing woman.

Lori Haapala - September 07, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of JoAnn Marlys Danberg.* ”



September 03, 2021 at 04:02 PM

KG

“ *I had the privilege of calling JoAnn my colleague and friend for the last 11 1/2 years. She was a joy to work with and such a dear friend. We could talk for hours! :) In fact our last phone call lasted FOUR hours! I will miss our calls and time spent together. My heart felt sympathy to Kale and to her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. You were the pride and joy of her life. Heaven has gained a sweet angel! Love and hugs, Kerri Green* ”

Kerri Green - August 29, 2021 at 09:53 PM



Thank you, Kerri. She loved you. You were a special friend.

Lori Haapala - September 02, 2021 at 10:34 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Barb Lene - August 28, 2021 at 06:35 PM



Barb, Thank you so much for sharing these photos. What special memories we all have of our times with mom.

Lori Haapala - September 01, 2021 at 01:58 PM

JJ

“ *JoAnn and I had a good visit on our 60 th class reunion in 2019. I'm so happy she came and we had a good time! She will be missed! God be with all of you! Joyce Christensen Johnson.*

Joyce Johnson - August 27, 2021 at 08:33 PM



Thank you, Joyce. Mom was so proud to be a classmate to you and all in the class of 1959. She enjoyed her 60th reunion so much. She will be missed.

Lori Haapala - September 02, 2021 at 10:38 PM