



Joleen Kay Duprey

May 4, 1952 - October 28, 2020

On Saturday, October 31st, between the open visitation hours 2pm - 6pm, we will be celebrating Joleen's life in an outdoor setting at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Joleen respected the severity of the coronavirus, and nothing would sadden her more than for someone to contract COVID while we gather. So we are asking for everyone's help in maintaining physical distance and wearing masks at all times. She knew that a person wearing their mask protects everyone they come in contact with, especially those who are immunocompromised like Joleen.

As a family, we want to be clear how much you mean to us. We are crushed. We are so lucky to have so many close family and friends to be with us, and we will need your support today and forever. Please do not be offended if we do not hug.

There is a row of parking spaces in the back closest to the tent that will allow for unobstructed viewing from your automobile; please carpool with family members of your same household "bubble". Individuals or families may take turns with Joleen and her family when they are ready to say their goodbyes.

Duprey, Joleen Kay

Joleen (aka Jo) Kay Duprey (House) was born May 4, 1952 to Harold and Mary House. Loving and devoted wife of Jay Duprey for 36 years. Proud, loving, and adoring mother of J.P. Duprey II and Troy (Amber) Duprey, and predeceased by her grandchildren Cooper Covington and Lailah Susan. Jo is one of five children with whom she shared extreme closeness all her life - Pam (Robert), Randy (Pam), Valerie (Gary) and Scott (Paty), as well as her nieces and nephews. She was beloved by the extended Duprey family, Ann (Lauri), Jim (Michelle), Jeff, Jon (Karen), Rob, predeceased by Jerome. Joleen passed peacefully with her husband and sons by her side on October 28, 2020.

Jo cherished life. Her family and friends were of utmost importance to her. She liked stepping outside the box, trying new things, spontaneity. She was a champion of honesty, constant positivity, having great fun in everything she did, while being compassionate, selfless and kind. Jo injected energy and laughter into life and made it easy to be around her. Her presence was unmatched.

By far, Jo felt her greatest accomplishment in life was her sons J.P. and Troy. They brought her such joy in life and bonded on an almost daily basis with them.

Joleen earned her bachelors degree from Central Michigan University and was in Human Resources for many years. She was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis when she was 19. In a time when illness wasn't mentioned in the workplace without being fearful for your job, she learned to suffer without complaint. She had dozens of surgeries and her family created "Team Joleen" in her honor in the Jingle Bell Run fundraiser to raise money for this cause. Team Joleen became the top fundraiser for many years through the support of family and friends. She did not want her disability to define her, and because of that she taught others to strive to be focused on life; people admired her strength and ability to be brave and persevere. She realized how important it was for all to feel welcome and included, and made a point to speak up for what she believed in, including equal protections for LGBTQ persons, and the disabled through ConnectUS. She saw life as a gift, she cherished every moment, She saw the good in people, and she made it a point to tell you how important to her you were. Let her memory live on through love, kindness, good deeds and the support you pay forward every day in your life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joleen's name to any of the following organizations that she cared deeply about: Arthritis Foundation of Michigan (<https://www.arthritis.org/local-offices/mi>), Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center (<https://goaffirmations.org/>), Cincinnati Children's Hospital (<https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/>). and ConnectUs <https://www.connectusmichigan.org/>

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home

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Comments



“ Joleen shared her kindness, joy, love, and herself with all of us. She was full of accomplishments everyday. She loved people and never forgot to smile or say a kind word. We will forever have the best memories of joyful times together. Our deepest sadness to the Duprey family.

Sandy & Bruce Henderson - November 03, 2020 at 10:42 PM



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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home - November 03, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ I remember fondly those crazy card games at your kitchen table with all your family. No matter what in life came your way, you always had that smile. Rest In Peace and May God grant comfort and strength to all your loved ones . Sue and Jeff Brinkmeier.

Susan Brinkmeier - October 31, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Jay; again deepest sympathy to and the boys she was a trooper for sure.

Dennis Wagener - November 02, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ God is ever near to those who have a broken heart And know that God is with you, He loves you and He cares deeply for you. Joleen always had A JOY for life and a kind word for everyone. So sorry for your loss. Karen & Brian

karen - October 31, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ It was just a year ago that we saw Joleen after many years apart. Her smile and warmth bridged those years quickly and we fondly remember how she teamed with us to help a dear friend in need back in 1993. Her strength and infectious joy will not be forgotten. Carol and Mark Pochodylo, Dublin, OH

Pochodylo - October 31, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Memories of Joleen lift my heart. I remember her smile. Her energy. Every so often we encounter someone who brightens a room when they walk in. Joleen was one of those extraordinary spirits. Jay won her heart and had the privilege of hanging on for dear life as I'm sure she bound through the years with a level of joy, compassion and sometimes single-mindedness rarely seen.

Bruce Kramer - October 31, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Sweet memories of longtime friendship with Joleen



Carol Curtis - October 31, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories of my many wonderful years with Joleen.



Andrea - October 31, 2020 at 09:19 AM



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Andrea - October 31, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear Joleen passed away. She was a longtime friend and supporter of ConnectUS. Twelve years ago when we decided to give ConnectUS a try, we had just \$300. Not long after, when Joleen was about to return home from her vacation in Florida, she found she had a coupon to a casino that she hadn't used. She and her sister-in-law decided to squeeze in a quick trip to the casino and use the coupon before it was too late. To her great surprise, she won, and to our great surprise, she very generously gave us our first big donation. She also told us to keep it a secret, which was so like Joleen to not want any glory (sorry, Joleen, we spilled the beans). Over the years, Joleen, her husband, Jay, and her sister, Val, have volunteered at many ConnectUS fundraisers, as well as continued to support us financially. More than that, Joleen was a good friend. We were blessed to have known her, and she will be greatly missed.
You are in our prayers,
Your Friends from ConnectUs



Eileen - October 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Thank you Eileen and ConnectUS community for your prayers and support!

Jay - November 02, 2020 at 09:06 AM



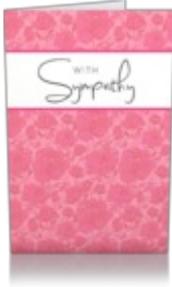
“ Jeff And Jennifer Dowd lit a candle in memory of Joleen Kay Duprey



Jeff and Jennifer Dowd - October 30, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ William L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joleen Kay Duprey.



William L. - October 30, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Lynda B lit a candle in memory of Joleen Kay Duprey



Lynda B - October 30, 2020 at 04:06 PM