



Joan Van Horn

May 15, 1931 - July 21, 2020

Joan Lenora Van Horn, 89, of Columbus, Nebraska, and former resident of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on July 21, 2020, at Emerald Rehab and Nursing in Columbus. She was born May 15, 1931 in rural Davis County, Iowa, to Loren K. and Freedom Bogle Porter. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1949. On November 26, 1950 she married Carl Van Horn in Bloomfield. In 1957, the couple moved to Denver, Colorado and spent 13 years living there before moving to Gering, Nebraska, where they lived for 25 years. Along the way they had two children, Julie and Dean. In retirement, they moved back to Bloomfield and Joan became Carl's caretaker for the last 14 years of his life before he passed away on May 7, 2014.

Joan was a secretary for the government and several businesses, ending her work career with the Foster Grandparent program as the secretary and then Director of the program. These were the best years of her career. She not only enjoyed the children that the program helped, but also the grandparents that volunteered to be a part of the program. While not working, Joan enjoyed traveling with Carl and was especially fond of a trip to Montana they took to learn more about their family history as it was very important to her. She was an avid journalist and collected antiques. Joan was also active with the Christian Churches in the towns she and Carl lived in over the years. She will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie (David) Boening of Lakewood, Colorado; son, Dean (Ruth) Van Horn of Columbus, Nebraska; grandson, Phillip (Jamie) Van Horn of Wichita, Kansas; great-granddaughter, Charlie June Van Horn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Joyce Scott; and brother-in-law, Clifford Scott.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield with Rev. Leslie Dotson officiating. No visitation is planned. A memorial has been established to the Bloomfield Christian Church.

Events

JUL **Graveside Services** 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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Wagler Funeral Home

304 West Jefferson Street, Bloomfield, IA, US, 52537

Comments



“ Joan was such a beautiful person inside and out. I worked with Carl at Sears here in Scottsbluff and we also socialized. They both helped me so much thru a divorce and I will never forget them. I was surprised she was in Columbus as I was born in Platte County by Platte Center. I still have lots of cousins in the area.

Julie and Dean, I want to send you my condolences. Joan and Carl were such a beautiful couple and now they are back together again in heaven and some day you will see them again.

Sincerely
Marilyn [Ahlers] Loose

Marilyn Loose - August 03, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Van Horn.



July 27, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ Our family extends their sympathy to you. My parents really enjoyed having your mom and dad as neighbors when they lived in Bloomfield. My parents now live in assisted living in Indianola, Iowa where my husband and I live. Thinking of you...Martha (Games) West

martha west - July 24, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ I grew up with JoAnn and Joyce...My parents were close friends of Lowell and Freedom Porter, My middle is Joyce named after JoAnn sister. I was able to visit with your mom and dad when they lived in Bloomfield. We had such a great visit, and talking about the friendship our parents had....I grew up east of Bloomfield on a farm. My parents were Robert and Elaine Tomlin.. I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I so wish I had heart in time to have come to the grave side service...You and your family are in my thoughts...God Bless

Roberta Tomlin Archer, Ottumwa, Iowa

roberta archer - August 05, 2020 at 07:35 PM