



Joann E. Gress

February 9, 1937 - February 12, 2019

Joann E. Gress, 82, lost her battle with dementia and Alzheimer's disease on February 12, 2019, surrounded by her loved ones and the caring staff of Grove Manor in Groce City. She was born in Pittsburgh on February 9, 1937, to the late William H. Sr. and Rita O'Connor Staib. After meeting her husband, William "Bill" Gress Sr., Joann and Bill moved to Slippery Rock to run a family diner and raise their three children. She was a long time employee of Slippery Rock University in the food service department before using her experience to become the dietary director for several state hospitals in Pittsburgh. Upon retiring, Joann moved back to Slippery Rock with her husband to be close to their family. Joann enjoyed her independence as well as spending time with her loved ones. She was an avid traveler that could often be seen enjoying the sun in St. Petersburg, Florida. She also loved fishing with her grandchildren, playing bingo, shopping on QVC, yelling at refs and coaches during Steelers games, and spoiling her grand and great-grandchildren. Joann was often the go-to babysitter for generations of her family and with good reason as she was truly a caring and loving woman.

Left to honor Joann and remember her love are her three children: William (Dream) Gress Jr.; Shirlann (David) Hovis; and Michelle (John Sr.) Stoops. Her Eight grandchildren: Christina (Michael) Colantoni; Julie (Mike) Smolnik; Michael (Ashley) Travis; Tami (Adam) Ritenour; Stacy-Jo (Troy) Stewart; Beth (Phil) Frampton; John Stoops Jr.; Kaitlyn Hovis. Fourteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. Her brother William H. Staib Jr., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joann was preceded in death by her husband who was the love of her life, her parents, her sisters Shirley Wilson and Nancy McKeen.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Eau Claire
201 S. Washington St
PO Box 182
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Service

FEB **15**. 7:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *sissy and family, so sorry for your lose. just lost my mom last summer. nothing replaces that but laughter and memories of growing up in a family that has a mom that raises good people like you guys ,cherish her memory by staying close as siblings even though we all have busy lives it takes but a second to recall something fun or precious an old school friend Patti (Nicodemus) Scherz*

patti scherz - February 14, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joann E. Gress.*



February 14, 2019 at 02:33 PM

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“ *Love, Courtney and Ryan purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Joann E. Gress.*



Love, Courtney and Ryan - February 14, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ *Courtney, Diane, April, Lee and Families purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Joann E. Gress.*



Courtney, Diane, April, Lee and Families - February 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM