



Joan "Joanie" Malek

April 21, 1947 - September 17, 2024

Joan (Joanie) Malek peacefully passed away at her home on September 17, 2024.

Joanie was born on April 21, 1947, to Emmitt and Stella Adkins, a date she placed on her license plate to remind her family so they would never forget to wish her a happy birthday.

Joanie was preceded in death by her parents, the love of her life her beloved husband Robert Malek, her daughter Kathleen LeClair, her son Kevin Malek, her grandson Alex Malek, as well as her beloved doggie Winston Pitbull Malek, all of whom she is now joyfully with again in Heaven.

She is survived by her sister Vicki Swift, her daughter Karen Malek Wildenberg, her ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Joanie graduated high school the valedictorian of her class in 1965. She married the love of her life Robert on August 14, 1971, at St. Rita Catholic Church in Chicago. Soon thereafter they moved to Minocqua in 1975 to raise their family and start Northland Pharmacy, as Robert was a gifted pharmacist. Joanie at this time also became a certified pharmacist assistant and worked with Robert for many years to help support the family she loved so much.

Eventually Joanie elected to stay at home to dedicate more time to raising her family but also to continue her education studying at Nicolet College where

she fed her passion for history, art and psychology. Joanie will always be remembered for her extremely talented artistic abilities as all that knew her can remember from her beautiful writings using calligraphy, as well as her realistic paintings of native rocks to look like everyday objects. Her favorite pastimes also included baking and doing arts and crafts with her grand and great grandchildren.

Joanie was very proud of her family and its genealogy, and her family love made her their teacher, caretaker, as well as disciplinarian, where she was not shy to apply the wooden spoon to backsides when needed.

There will be a small celebration of life for her family, friends and friends that she considered family at the family homestead on Sunday September 29, 2024, at 1 pm.

Fly high our beautiful Angel and be with your husband and family in Heaven. Your family knows you will always be at our side.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM.

The Family Homestead

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I went to school with her and she was always a kind, caring person. I was thrilled to visit with her at our 50th class reunion and share memories. I knew when your father passed she would probably not be far behind. Their enduring love was always so evident. My sincere condolences for your loss. I know she will be waiting for you in heaven.

Judy Donahue Whitbred

Judy Donahue Whitbred - December 03, 2024 at 08:04 AM

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“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Karen and family for your deep losses.

*Sincerely,
Pat Stanley*



Pat Stanley - September 25, 2024 at 02:51 PM

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“ A lovely lady that loved her family. I met her at her grandchildren's Christmas programs! Joan and grandpa were there every year. I felt special just sharing a seat with team. Great memories. Nameste>

Isabel Carlton - September 24, 2024 at 10:18 AM

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“ Our condolences to the family.

Tom Wipperfurth - September 23, 2024 at 08:35 AM