



Joan May Stafford

April 26, 1940 - January 30, 2021

Joan May Stafford, daughter of Roy Robert Gibson and Thelma (Falkenrath) Gibson, was born April 26, 1940 in Devils Elbow, Missouri.

Joan's father, Roy, worked for the highway and helped build I-44, so the family lived in several different places while Joan was growing up. She attended high school in Newburg, Missouri.

Joan met a young man by the name of Marvin Leroy Stafford at Idumea Baptist Church during a Bible School commencement. They were united in marriage on December 21, 1956 in Camden County, Missouri and shared 48 years of marriage together before Marvin preceded her in death in 2004. They were blessed with three daughters: Pamela Joan, Kimberley Sue, and Brenda Lee.

At the age of 17, Joan made a profession of faith at the Idumea Baptist Church of Laquey and was baptized in the Gasconade River. She was a faithful member of the church for more than 60 years and served by teaching Bible School, working in the kitchen, or wherever else she was needed until the last few years when her health began to decline.

Joan worked hard to care and help provide for her family. She worked at elections for several years, was fill in cook at the Laquey school, worked for 7 1/2 years at Life Care Center of Waynesville as a housekeeper and after leaving Life Care, she began working as a home health caretaker, which she did for several years until her health caused her to have to retire.

In 2008, Joan's sister, Alice, donated a kidney to Joan. Joan's health began to improve, and she was able to have a few more years of health, due to the generosity of her sister.

Joan was a homemaker, loved cooking (even baking special cakes for her girl's birthday parties), and taking care of her family. She enjoyed working out in her yard with her flowers, fishing, sewing, quilting, working with ceramics, listening to classical music, and

watching ballet. Joan was the ultimate NASCAR fan and enjoyed cheering on her favorite driver, Carl Edwards. She even received a picture with well wishes written to her from Carl himself one of the times she was in the hospital. Joan also enjoyed hosting Tupperware parties, baby showers, etc. with all the ladies in the neighborhood and cooking all the food associated with those parties. She was the best hostess and always had a smile on her face. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them whenever she was able.

While Marvin was still alive, Joan and he did a lot of traveling to historical places, flea markets, and when he sang and played guitar as one of the Idumea Travelers Gospel Group.

Joan went home to be with her Lord Saturday, January 30, 2021 in the Lake Regional Hospital of Osage Beach, Missouri having attained the age of 80 years, 9 months, and 4 days. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Joan leaves to cherish her memory, two children: Pamela J. Stafford of Laquey, MO and Kimberley S. Tudor (Ray) of Buckhorn, MO; two grandchildren: Kayla Miller (Steven) of Phillipsburg, MO, and Chandler Tudor (Sarah) of Richland, MO; one great granddaughter: Ellis; one brother: Billy Gibson (Carolyn) of Rockwood, TN; one sister: Alice Gibson (Janet) of Lake City, FL; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to her husband, Joan was preceded in death by her parents: Roy and Thelma Gibson; infant daughter: Brenda Lee Stafford; and four siblings: Leroy Gibson, Wanda Jacoby, Dianna Kelsey, and Freddie Gibson.

Joan was a strong and active woman who survived kidney failure and transplant, heart surgery, cancer (twice) and a broken hip. But through it all, she kept her faith and kept fighting until the Lord called her home. Her tenacious spirit, strong will and faith, will live on in our hearts until the day we are all reunited again.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Billy Gibson, Joan's brother, recalled his wonderful memories of Joan. The songs "Go Rest High on that Mountain" and "In the Garden" were played. Serving as escorts were Shon Jacoby, Marvin Gan, Chandler Tudor, Steve Kelsey, Steven Miller, Ray Tudor, and Gregory Stafford. Burial followed in the Idumea Cemetery of Laquey, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Joan Stafford to the Idumea Cemetery

Fund and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery

Events

Idumea Cemetery

25975 Sherwood Lane 3
Laquey, MO, 65534

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Visitation

08:00AM

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St.
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Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 08 at 05:38 PM



“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Joan May Stafford



Robin Hobbs - February 03 at 09:15 PM



“ Joan had a beautiful sense of humor, and when I was with her I laughed... a lot! She was "good medicine". Love Randee

Randee Gibson - February 03 at 03:12 PM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 03 at 08:49 AM



“ Pam, Kim, Alice and Billy, so sorry for your loss.
Ken and Marsha Gibson



Ken Gibson - February 02 at 06:16 PM



“ She was a bright light and bigger than life personality! Her engaging smile and boisterous sense of humor will be greatly missed. With a Gibson temperament she was not shy and didn't often hold back. I knew her as cousin who was fun and interesting to talk to, never short on opinions. I also knew her as a servant who was always giving and caring for others. We are all better because you were here. Rest In Peace cousin

Rick Gibson - February 02 at 01:20 PM



“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Joan May Stafford



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 02 at 10:10 AM



“ Pam and Alice, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers for you and your family, during this time of sorrow.



Les and Mary Pero - February 02 at 01:36 AM



“ Dawn And Robert Mckee lit a candle in memory of Joan May Stafford



Dawn and Robert Mckee - February 01 at 06:29 PM



“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan May Stafford



Pamela Cox - February 01 at 05:14 PM



“ Thank You Pam and Alan GOD Bless You both for the wonderful friendship Ray and Kim

Ray - February 01 at 08:13 PM