



Joan Kay Clemons

April 3, 1933 - May 10, 2014

Joan Kay Clemons, daughter of the late Clarence Kelly and Cecil Margret (McKamey) Farris, was born April 3, 1933 in Kingsport, Tennessee. Joan grew up in Kingsport until the age of 10 when she and the family moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during World War II.

Joan moved to Sanford, Florida while in the ninth grade of school and stayed until the end of her junior year of high school. Joan and her family moved back to Kingsport and she graduated from Sullivan High School in June 1951.

On Christmas night 1952 at the local skating rink, Joan met the love of her life, Dock Clemons. They were united in marriage on July 18, 1953 in Kingsport, Tennessee. They shared over 44 years of marriage together before Dock preceded her in death on May 18, 1998. Joan and Dock were blessed with four children: Sylvia, David, Jo Ann and Penny.

Shortly after their first child, Sylvia was born, Dock reenlisted in the United States Army and according to Joan "that was the beginning of a wonderful life as an Army wife". They were stationed in Germany three times, once at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; once at Ft. Lewis, Washington; and twice at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 1977, Dock retired and they built a home in Waynesville, Missouri.

Joan was a hardworking woman and took great pride in helping to provide for her family. After settling in the Waynesville area, she began working for the Waynesville R-VI School District where she served as secretary for several years.

While Dock served in the military, Joan was very active in the military community. She was a member of the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club, the Army Chapel Sunday School programs, Youth Activity programs, The Army Community Service and the PTA where her children attended school. She was also very involved in Girls Scouts of America for many years.

At an early age, Joan made a profession of faith and was a member of the Crocker Christian Church. Joan went home to be with her Lord Saturday, May 10, 2014 in her home having attained the age of 81 years.

Joan leaves to cherish her memory, her four children: Sylvia Perry (Bob) of Waynesville, MO, David Clemons (Katrina) of Copperas Cove, TX, JoAnn McGrath of Waynesville, MO and Penny Wells (Jimmy) of Crocker, MO; seven grandchildren: Michael McGrath (Summer), Heather Marshall (Chris), Megan McGrath, Tyler Wells (Ali), Kyle Wells (Kristen), Trevor Clemons-Valdez and Baylee Clemons; one great grandchild: Colin McGrath; half-sister: Betsie; brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-laws and their families: Charles Clemmons, Opal Jones, Louise McCormick, Pearlie Price and Bobby Clemons; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joan summed up her life in a letter to her children...."I have had a great life and feel I've been a good person. Dock and I raised four wonderful children and God gave us great grandchildren. I feel I have done what God told us to do 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' It will be good to see and be with Dock again."

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Larry Richardson officiating. The songs "In the Garden", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace" were played. Serving as escorts were Michael McGrath, Trevor Clemons-Valdez, Tyler Wells, Chris Marshall, Kyle Wells and Donnie Ramirez. Serving as honorary escorts were Walter Perry, Heather Marshall, Megan McGrath, Baylee Clemons, Ali Wells, Kristen Wells, Thea Munch-Soedward, Colin McGrath and Summer McGrath.

Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

MAY 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Kay Clemons*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *So sad and heartbroken about my cousin's passing. I loved her dearly. My whole family did. My sympathy goes out to the family. [Patsy Fields]*

Patsy Fields - June 22, 2014 at 07:44 PM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons*



SARA JONES - May 17, 2014 at 04:57 PM



“ *Your mom was such a wonderful person. Sorry I am only learning about this today. Joan will be missed. We are praying for you and your family.*

Don and Dottie (Taylor) Hutchison

Dottie Hutchison - May 15, 2014 at 11:05 AM

AH

“ ANNETTE HANCE lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons



ANNETTE HANCE - May 14, 2014 at 10:22 PM

RK

“ Sylvia and David, sorry for your loss. I remember when your mom and my mom used to take turns driving us to school when we lived on post.

Robert Kjorvestad - May 14, 2014 at 06:15 PM

JT

“ Janis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons



Janis Thompson - May 14, 2014 at 04:05 PM

SD

“ Sheila Debo lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons



Sheila Debo - May 14, 2014 at 09:05 AM

KC

“ *My deepest condolences to Mrs. Clemons' family. We go way back and I just remember her always being that calm and quiet voiced matriarch during my frequent visits to The Wildflower back in the day. She will most certainly be missed.*

Karen Churn - May 13, 2014 at 04:24 PM

DH

“ *Diana Hall lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons*



Diana Hall - May 13, 2014 at 01:46 PM

RF

“ *Our sympathy to you, Bob & Sylvia, on the loss of your mother. She was a very sweet lady. Always sooo pleasant & nice to us.*



Ray & Helen Fleischer - May 13, 2014 at 01:18 PM

PS

“ *Praying for you all during this very difficult time that you may find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories you must have...*



Pam Seda - May 13, 2014 at 10:17 AM

HD

“ Our hearts go out to Joan's family, she always had a smile when she met you. We have been friend's of the family for years, Joan will be missed by all that knew her. I am sure she is in Heaven with Doc and they will once again continue to be together.

*Harold & Karen Drossel
LV, NV.*

Harold Drossel - May 13, 2014 at 02:24 AM

LP

“ Les And Mary Pero lit a candle in memory of
Joan Kay Clemons



Les and Mary Pero - May 12, 2014 at 11:38 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Sarah Southwick Campo - May 12, 2014 at 09:22 PM

LL

“ so sorry to hear of her passing. she was such a sweet lady.
remember her from when you all had the flower shop. she will be
missed but God needed another angel. our thoughts and prayers
are with you all.

LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON - May 12, 2014 at 08:41 PM

LL

“ *LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons*



LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON - May 12, 2014 at 08:39 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Joan Kay Clemons*



linda cole-schonbok - May 12, 2014 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Kay Clemons*



MARLIN STEVENS - May 12, 2014 at 12:14 PM