



Joyce Nadine Aust

December 27, 1934 - November 18, 2023

Joyce Nadine Aust, age 88 of Monroe, MI passed away Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Fountain View of Monroe. Joyce was born December 27, 1934, in Kankakee, the daughter of Robert E. and Priscilla M. (Spies) Stearns. Joyce married Paul Aust on June 15, 1957, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. He preceded her in death on April 16, 2012.

Joyce was a community volunteer having served as President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, worked with the American Heart Association and Easter Seals. She was a homemaker and pharmacy technician.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Paul; one son, Todd; her parents; and four brothers, Robert Stearns Jr., Jim Stearns, her twin brother, Jack Stearns, and Dick Stearns.

Joyce is survived by her children, Susan (Jeffrey) Mason of St. Charles, MO, Lori (Jim) Knight of Milan, MI; Nancy (Todd) Brammer of Kankakee, IL, John (Kim Matthews) Aust of Beaufort, SC, and Heather (Dan) Carruthers of Cincinnati, OH; nine grandchildren, Shannon (Braiden) Reyes, Scooter Kaminsky, Brittany (Jeff) Cummins, Alex Carruthers, Aaron Knight, Mia Carruthers, Courtney (Nick) Mummert, Madison Aust, and Ava Carruthers; six great grandchildren, Austin and Mackenzie Knight, Braiden Reyes, Jr., Connor and Chloe Cummins, and Mason Mummert; one brother Roy Stearns of Naples, FL., and one sister, Judy Mahoney of Bourbonnais, IL.

Private family services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I met Joyce and Paul when Heather, Jackie, Lisa and I were roommates at Illinois State University. We always looked forward to Joyce and Paul’s visits as Joyce would arrive in a flurry with bags new clothes for Heather (most of which she got on sale:) and baskets full of treats. They would then take us all to Bennigan’s for dinner. To this day, she is the only person to ever call me Chrissy instead of Chris. She was a joy and I’m grateful I knew her. ❤️

Chris Bianco - November 27, 2023 at 03:35 PM

CO

“ Aunt Joyce was one of our family treasures. I have so many wonderful memories through the years. She was the epitome of a true lady from her style & grace to the caring way she helped so many of us through the years. She set a wonderful example as a Mother & Grandmother and her legacy will continue through you all. My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time of loss. She was dearly loved and will be dearly missed. My love always, Cindy (Stearns) O'Connor

Cindy (Stearns) O'Connor - November 24, 2023 at 02:08 PM

MP

Joyce was my sister-in-law & I loved her dearly. We had so many good times together. I loved her more like a sister. I'll miss her dearly.

Mary Pinter - November 24, 2023 at 07:35 PM

BS

“ So sorry Kids, Knowing it is part of Gods plan. It is still so very sad to witness our large family dwindling. Lets keep the new ones sprouting. Head held high, breast to windward! My Love Aunt Bev

Beverly Stearns - November 24, 2023 at 08:34 AM

SD

“Joyce and I met when we were 19 years old when we were in nurses training (but we didn't last, lol,). We did some volunteer work together and were in Delphi together. It was a wonderful, loving friendship. When I would go to her house she would always make the best sandwiches. She and her kids used to come to our home on South Chicago Avenue to decorate the Christmas Tree. Lots of wonderful memories of my dear friend, you will be deeply missed. Condolences to her family. Love, Sharon Draude

Sharon Draude - November 23, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RM

“Joyce was a very sweet woman and a pleasure to meet her. Sending prayers for her family. Love the Mummert's

Renee Mummert - November 22, 2023 at 11:17 PM