



JoAnna Breslin

July 25, 1933 - August 19, 2019

JoAnna (Atkins) Breslin, born on July 25, 1933, to Joseph and Faye Adelaide (Potter) Atkins in Sand Springs Oklahoma, passed on August 19, 2019.

As a young woman, she studied Child Psychology at Tulsa University. In April of 1959, she married James J. Breslin, Sr., D.O. They built their life and raised their family in the Downriver community of Trenton, and vacation home in Northern Michigan. In retirement, they chose a change of scenery by moving to Clarkston, Michigan and became Snow Birds visiting Bonita Springs, Florida for many years. In all, they shared 49 years of marriage before his passing in 2008.

JoAnna was a woman of deep faith, attended mass weekly and lit candles for those she held in her prayers. She was blessed with a wonderful family whom she loved deeply. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will cherish her memories and wisdom for years to come. She is survived by children: Catherine J. Britz (Joseph), James J. Breslin, Jr., Stephanie A. Frash, and Scott J. Breslin (Nicole), grandchildren: Lindsey Breslin, James Breslin, III, (Stephanie), Patrick Briz, Matthew Frash, Austin Frash, Brendan Britz, great-grandchildren Caydence Breslin, and Isabelle Breslin.

A woman of many talents, she enjoyed music and played both the piano and organ. She gave her time as a volunteer at church, the hospital, and school.

She also spent time collecting antique china and dolls. What she truly loved was making handcrafted gifts for both people she knew and those she did not. Whether it was sewing, painting, knitting, crocheting it was something special to get a “Hand-Crafted by JoAnna,” item. Many years she would work for months creating Christmas stockings for kids at the MD Anderson cancer facility. When she wasn’t working on her next creative masterpiece, you could find her at a local garage sale.

After her husband's passing, she branched out into the community and made many new connections. Often you could hear her call Bingo at the Grand Blanc Community Center. Other days you might find her creating something warm with her knitting circle or swimming with her water aerobics gals. She loved to entertain and would host elaborate tea-parties or luncheons.

Visitation and funeral services will begin at 10 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Trenton, on Saturday, August 24, 2019. In a private ceremony, the family will lay her to rest alongside their father at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

The family suggests memorial donations be made in her honor, to Grand Blanc Senior Center, National Stroke Association, or MD Anderson, in lieu of flowers.

You can find links to these organizations here

<http://gbseniorcenter.org/Donate.asp>

https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/donatenow_stroke.html?s_src=desktop

<https://www.mdanderson.org/donors-volunteers/donate.html>

Previous Events

Instate at Church

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Trenton
2565 3rd Street
Trenton, MI

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ JoAnna & I were very good friends growing up in Tulsa, Ok. She was in my wedding. She had a playhouse in her back yard & we would play pretend games. Her mother was Auntie Fay, her father was Joe. Her mother taught me how to properly make a bed and a few other girl scouts too. I know her passing was 4 years ago, I am now 91, and I just happened to be thinking about her. I know all of you must miss her a lot. I am so sorry for your loss.

Laura Worden Judkins - December 03, 2023 at 09:08 PM

LJ

“ I don't know if this will be saved for the family or not, but it might be interesting to them .
Joanna was my best friend during grade school. Her mother, I called Auntie Fay & her father was Joe. We lived about a half block from each other and we attended James Whitcomb Riley grade school. Joanna was a brides maid in my wedding on June 21, 1952. I was nearly a year older than Joanna and a year ahead of her in school, however that did not matter when we were children. I still live in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Joanna lived also. We lived near Sand Springs during those early years but not in Sand Springs. If you would be interested in contacting me I would be happy to communicate back.
My husbands name is Philip if you chose to look us up. He is active in Theatre Organ activities in Tulsa.

Laura Judkins - August 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ we met Jim and Jo Anna Breslin in Florida. they to became friends.
I want to send our sympathy to the family.

we also have a connection to the Britz family and CC

*John & Marisa MacInnis
Northville*

John MacInnis - August 23, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of JoAnna Breslin.*



August 21, 2019 at 10:46 PM

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“ *Her smile could light up an entire room and change the mood to
total joy. Her kindness and thought of others will carry on. xxoo*

Steve, Sue, Sarah, Ellen and David.

Susan and Stephen Tuttle - August 21, 2019 at 07:04 PM