



Joan (Graham) Newkirk

August 8, 1943 - June 2, 2024

Joan (Graham) Newkirk, age 80, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the Golden Age Living Center in Stover. She was born August 8, 1943, in Bunceton, Missouri, daughter of the late Wayne and Clara (Draffen) Graham.

On August 18, 1963, in Fortuna, she was united in marriage to Gary Newkirk, who preceded her in death on January 2, 2022.

Joan was employed at Walmart in Versailles for over thirty years as a department manager and retired as customer service manager. She made many lasting friendships during her tenure there.

She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing many of her grandchildren's clothing. Joan was an avid reader who also enjoyed gardening, feeding her hummingbirds and cooking and baking for her family. She loved her family and her grandchildren held a special place in her heart.

Joan attended the Glensted United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Lance Newkirk and wife Tresa and Eric Newkirk all of Versailles, Missouri; grandchildren, William Lok Newkirk and wife Caroline, Barrot LeBraun Newkirk and London Meyer and husband Kyle;

great-grandchildren, William Mace Newkirk, Quinn Rose Newkirk, Kellan Reid Meyer, Peyton Pearl Meyer and Cameron Abel Meyer; brother, Ricky Graham and wife Linda of California, Missouri and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Bill Graham and her sister, Judy Hoff.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff and nurses at Golden Age Living Center for the loving care they provided to Joan.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 10th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Joe Bigham officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Newkirk Cemetery Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Tribute Wall

JJ

“Joan was my CSM when I worked at Walmart! I was always happy when we worked the same shift! May she rest in peace!

Joan Jones - July 01, 2024 at 10:49 AM

WS

“Will Stafford lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk



Will Stafford - June 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM

SB

“Sharon K Branch lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk



Sharon K Branch - June 05, 2024 at 09:11 PM

TA

“I remember seeing her at Wal-mart & loved her "tell it like it is attitude" She was a very awesome lady!

Trish Anderson - June 05, 2024 at 03:50 PM

CI

“ *Camilla Iman lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk*



Camilla Iman - June 05, 2024 at 09:50 AM

BT

“ *Beth Tankersley-Bankhead lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk*



Beth Tankersley-Bankhead - June 04, 2024 at 09:23 PM

DH

“ *Deanna Hodges lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk*



Deanna Hodges - June 04, 2024 at 10:16 AM

SR

“ *SHIRLEY ROOT lit a candle in memory of Joan (Graham) Newkirk*



SHIRLEY ROOT - June 03, 2024 at 05:24 PM