



## Joyce A. Szemplenski

March 28, 1943 - August 4, 2018

Joyce A. Szemplenski, age 75, of Camdenton, passed away Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born March 28, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daughter of the late Leo and Annette Denne.

On October 28, 1963, in Omaha, Nebraska, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband, Theodore “Mike” Szemplenski.

Joyce received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha and her master’s degree in deaf education from the University of Iowa. She taught at the Iowa School for the Deaf for thirty years until her retirement.

She had a passion for gardening and was a member of the Lake Bloomers Garden Club. Joyce was also a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

Joyce loved her family and treasured the time she spent with them.

In addition to her husband, Mike, she is survived by her daughters, Ann Plaza and husband Chris of McLean, Virginia and Janet Szemplenski of Omaha, Nebraska; five grandchildren, Matthew Plaza, Katherine Plaza, Madelynn

Szemplenski, Randi Szemplenski and Theodora "Teddie" Szemplenski; her brother, Charles Denne of Omaha, Nebraska and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 7th, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with Father John Schmitz celebrating. Graveside services and interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Patrick Catholic Church or to the Lake Bloomers Garden Club.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am sorry I missed the funeral. And so sorry to hear about Joyce. Maggy Morrison payroll at isd.

Maggy Morrison - August 14, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ Mike and Joyce were neighbors when I was little, my parents and they were good friends. Just wish to offer our deepest condolences to the family. Mike, if you need anything, I am sure mom and dad would love to hear from you.

Neil Wilson

Neil Wilson - August 09, 2018 at 07:42 PM

PL

“ Ann, I am sorry to hear that your mother has passed. Sending love to your fill at this difficult time. -Pam Larson

Pam Larson - August 08, 2018 at 09:04 PM

DA

“ Our deepest sympathy to Mike, Anne, and Janet. Joyce loved her family first and foremost. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor to the children at Iowa School for the Deaf. She loved playing bridge. She will be missed but not forgotten by those who knew and loved her. Dana and Marty Anderson

Dana and Marty Anderson - August 06, 2018 at 06:14 PM

NK

“ I met Mike and Barry in the early 1960's long before I knew Joyce as Peggy Miller was a really great friend.  
Mike made a wonderful choice in Joyce and she in Mike. I'm very saddened to hear she is no longer with us except in loving memories and I'm sure much heartfelt grief. Nydra

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**Nydra Karlen** - August 06, 2018 at 10:29 AM

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Our thoughts & prayers are with you in this time of sorrow, but you will always have fond memories.  
Bob & Shelly Redden

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**BOB REDDEN** - August 08, 2018 at 10:21 AM