



Joan Wagenknecht

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Joan Wagenknecht, Good Witch of the First Order, Reiki Master Teacher and lover of all God's creatures, left the planet on December 24, 2022.

Joan was preceded in death by her mother Helen Schilthuis, father Joe Schilthuis and brother Hugh Schilthuis.

Joan was born in Alamosa, Colorado. Later moving to Portland, Oregon where she was raised. As she grew older, she realized she wasn't like the other kids. She decided to spread her wings and left Portland on a train to Monmouth College in Illinois. While there, Joan acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, met many great friends and the love of her life, a cowboy named John Wagenknecht. She married him August 20, 1960. He was lovingly by her side until the end.

Joan worked hard to advance her knowledge in healing magic and would willingly share her powers with others for free. She made many Reiki Teachers and her healing hands helped many people find relief and peace.

She loved the time she spent with the Girl Scout Mounted Troop 1184. She donated her time and love to the girls of the troop for 40 years. She stood in as a mother to many of the girls whose mothers couldn't make it out to work and often told others that she "collected girls". There were so many girls that she loved they can't all be listed here but they each held a special place in her heart.

When not healing people and volunteering her time, she enjoyed creating beautiful sunsets, drinking margaritas and spreading love.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Wagenknecht. Her daughter Jill, and husband Max. Her son Jed, and his wife The Chosen Jill. Her son Jason, and his wife Amy. Her grandchildren Jacob, Jared, Carrie, Chloe and Chase. Her sister Katherine Gulick (Bob) and nephews, Brent and John.



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A celebration of life will be scheduled within the next few months.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation in Helen's name to God's Green Acre Association. Donation can be made online at www.GGAA.org.

Services provided by Hughes Funeral Alternatives, LLC in St. Louis, Missouri.

Family and friends can sign a online guestbook at www.HughesFuneralAlternatives.com.



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KB

Kathleen Bayless posted:

I first met Joanie in the Kirkwood Y shower room. She was laughing while sharing the story of her house catching fire. I had to meet her! Joanie was a regular "Wet Head," part of a group, mostly seniors, that swam daily, meeting at McDonalds to socialize after. Younger and out of work, I felt immediately accepted by this loving community of friends. Joanie and I shared an interest in metaphysics and began swapping books. Next, we became friends. Meeting weekly for 8 years with several friends, we supported one another and ourselves. Joanie's open-heartedness, laughter, and generosity of spirit was so contagious and endearing! Joanie's greeting, "How has God shown up in your life?" or "Tell me your best ____ story" made me appreciate her unique way of being. Joanie, I unconditionally love and support you, just the way you are, in all your power and magnificence! Love, Kathleen Bayless

January 20 at 9:21 AM

BS

Barbara Sandoval posted:

Joan, Katie (Kerr), and I have had a friendship since the third grade. I especially remember Joan(ie) on her undersized bike picking me up and pedaling the two of us to Katie's house. As we grew older we threw parties with games and dancing when boys entered our lives. In high school we kept very busy, growing up with our own interests and activities. So many memories we shared! Then graduation sent us on our separate ways, to different states. Our lives changed again with marriage and children. We kept our friendship alive. Joan lived her life well, using her talents and knowledge to help many, including me and Denis. Love to her family, Beverly Mackie Curry

March 29 at 1:04 PM

BS

Barbara Sandoval posted:

Sending love to Joan's family. She was my "Aunt Joanie", as my mom's best girl friends were our honorary aunts. Aunt Joanie would send the Curry kids fun little gifts at Christmas time when we were growing up. We were allowed to open up one present on Christmas Eve and we always chose Aunt Joanie's gift. I still have the nose whistle she sent! Love from Barbara (Curry) Sandoval

March 28 at 10:52 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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