



Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell

November 26, 1942 - January 25, 2021

Joanne Mildred Prell (née Odrowas), age 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in her home on January 25, 2021 at 3:33 p.m., a time that is said to be a message from the angels to bring us comfort and to remind us of our inner-strengths; Joanne would have loved the symbology of these numbers. Joanne was born the only child to Mildred and Joseph Odrowas on November 26, 1942. Her dad passed away serving our country in the Second World War before hearing the news of her birth. Joanne was an amazing, hardworking hairstylist by trade, who was especially well known in the Pikesville area for wig making in the 60's. In her teens/early adulthood, Joanne went to New York City for specialty schooling for hair and also did some modeling for the launch of Olan Mills. Her final career was working for her son's companies, A Helping Hand and Genesis Treatment Services, as an office manager where she made an impact on countless lives.

Joanne was a chic and classy woman of the most tasteful style. She loved all things cheetah print, teal, purple, and sparkly and was known for her beautiful and eccentric jewelry. Joanne had a green thumb for growing plants and was very artistic, traits that she passed on to all of her grandchildren. She was spunky and fun, as evidenced by getting a hummingbird tattoo on her shoulder in her 70's! Joanne was an avid animal lover, especially of tropical birds, big cats, and small dogs. She was a faithful person who loved Jesus and who had a special interest in Padre Pio, with whom she had spiritual encounters several times in her life. Joanne was always up for sharing a fresh cup of coffee and a conversation. She loved to lay by the pool and go on cruises and wade in crystal clear waters on warm sandy beaches; her favorite place was Nassau Island, Bahamas. She loved calypso music and would get up on stage and sing with the calypso band on every cruise she went on and loved playing Black Jack in the casino.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa (Scott) Merkle and sons Bobby Prell and Joel (Kiri) Prell; grandchildren Lindsay (Matt) Forrester, Derek Merkle, Alyson Merkle, Elizabeth Merkle, Sierra Prell, Nick Prell, and Tyler Prell; great-grandchildren Griffin, Isabelle, and Cora; and her beloved dog Gracie. Joanne is now reunited in heaven with her mom, her dad who she has now met for the very first time, and her previously departed son Ricky,

who passed away as an infant. Joanne's family will miss her dearly here on earth, but are eternally grateful that she is no longer suffering, and know they will all be together again one day in heaven.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 4th from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church at 820 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church at 820 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136 on Friday, February 5th. Doors will open at 1pm and service will begin at 2pm.

Due to Covid-19, masks are required at all times, social distancing is mandated, and capacity cannot exceed 125 people at any time for the Visitation and Ceremony. Visitation is open to all. The Celebration of Life is designated for family, close friends of the family, and co-workers. Virtual attendance for the Celebration of Life will be available via live stream at <https://live.cogpca.org/> for those who are unable to attend or don't fit into those categories; those who wish to pay their respects are urged to participate in the Celebration of Life in this manner. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Joanne Prell to BCAN - Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network online at <https://bcan.org/donate/> or by mail at 4520 East West Highway, Suite 610, Bethesda, MD 20814. Please indicate that the donation is in memory of Joanne Prell.

Comments



“ The Pomeroy Family purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



The Pomeroy Family - February 04 at 05:28 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 30 at 12:17 PM



“ Armstrong Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell



Armstrong Family - January 28 at 06:21 PM



“ Not certain how my world without you in it will continue. Missing so much of you Mom



Lisa Merkle - January 28 at 03:47 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Merkle - January 28 at 03:45 PM



“ White Standing Cross With White Rose Break was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 28 at 03:09 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 28 at 02:48 PM



“ White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 28 at 02:23 PM



“ In Comfort and Peace was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 28 at 01:47 PM



“ Eternal Paradise was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joanne Mildred Prell.



January 28 at 01:40 PM



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Lindsay Forrester - January 28 at 12:33 PM