



## Joan Darlene Lamb

September 30, 1943 - March 9, 2021

Joan Darlene Lamb received her wings on March 9, 2021. She passed at home, her two beloved children with her, on her terms.

Joan was born at home on September 30, 1943 to “Fred” & Lily West in Seneca, Illinois. She

was the baby of six children and the only girl ... so from the very start it was TA-DA ! She graduated from Seneca High School & lived most all of her life in her hometown of Seneca.

She was a proud, doting mother to Jeriann and Jeffrey, born to her and John Lamb. A bouncing

baby grandson, Kohl Benning Lamb, entered her world & instantly became the apple of her eye.

Joan intensely loved her family & friends along with fashion, looking her best, giving her time &

gifts, babies, holidays, travel, beaches, good eats (particularly sweets), music, entertainment,

shopping, sunshine, flowers, yardwork & anything that involved laughter and fun. She could be

spotted zipping around in her Mazda (Zoom Zoom) or her shiny red convertible. She was the

#1 fan of her ultra talented, motorhead son at any drag strip or pulling track, near or far.

She fiercely loved & that was that.

Joan was always on the move & simply couldn't do enough to satisfy her own standard of living.

She had many good friends that likely were worn out after adventures with her. She enjoyed

her OSF work family at Dr Georgiev's office in Marseilles, where patients adored her & to whom

she treated like family. She humbly received the 2017 OSF Sunflower Award for exceptional

service, going above & beyond her duties. She recently served on the board of directors of the

Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce in Marseilles.

Joan is survived by her children, Jeriann of Ottawa and Jeffrey John (Terri Helland) of Seneca,

her grandson Kohl of Ottawa, her brothers Bill (Virgie) West of California & John (Doris) West of

Seneca, sister in law, Beverly Dumbauld of Morris, many nieces & nephews along with their

children & grandchildren and her granddogs Isla & Kenda.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Robert Dumbauld, Charles A West,

Louis West, two nephews Danny & Todd West, her feline friend, Felix and granddogs CoCo,

Shelby & Bubba.

Services for Joan will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held in the upcoming months, as

it will take that long to plan one worthy of her.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a legacy of Joan, that is yet to be decided on.

The world has lost a good one. Gone but never forgotten. Smile & enjoy your journey to the

fullest possible extreme, just like Joan did.

An online guestbook has been made for the family, where you may sign the guestbook, share memories and photographs. You can access this by visiting the website at

[www.ucdaviscallahan.com](http://www.ucdaviscallahan.com) Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C.Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear about Joanie. I met her at the Drs.' office in Marseilles. She was a very kind and very sweet person. I don't think she ever had a bad day. She was always smiling and very helpful. I loved seeing her and I missed her at the office.  
Janet Combs

Janet Carol Combs - March 27 at 11:39 PM

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“ Joan was a neighbor for many years and always had a smile. She made the BEST rhubarb pie that I have ever, ever eaten. My favorite pie was done to perfection by her.

Diane Rooks - March 13 at 04:27 PM

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“ It was my great pleasure to get to know my dear Joany when we started to work together in my office in Ottawa. She was my office manager and soon she became like my mother and my best friend. She was always full of energy and life, she would bring all her positive vibes to the office and was able to make everyday a happy day. She was for sure one of a kind and I will always keep her memories deep in my heart. May Rest In Peace my dear Joany



Amir Faghinia - March 13 at 04:21 PM

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“ Joan and I grew up as next door neighbors. I have photos that I would like to give to the family. If you would email me a name and address I would be happy to send them to you. Joanie West was an important part of my childhood.

Janeriseling@att.net

jane riseling - March 13 at 01:19 PM

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“ Joan was a very special woman, a good person, and such a hard worker. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

**Charles Whitney** - March 12 at 10:29 AM

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“ My mother and Joan were good friends in their younger years. I remember going to her house as a young girl and she was always friendly and fashionable. As an adult, we served on various committees and circles at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Seneca. She was a wonderful friend to all.  
My sympathy and prayers to the family.  
Joan (Van Cleave) O'Flanagan

**Joan O'Flanagan** - March 11 at 06:39 PM

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“ I used to work with Joan who was fun, organized and joy to work with. My sympathies to her family

**Ellen Nelson** - March 11 at 07:43 AM

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“ I'm so saddened to hear of Joan's passing. She was a wonderful lady, in every part of life. She was such a joy to work with at Dr. Gueorguiev's office, and loved by everyone.  
I'm so sorry for your loss! May you find comfort in the many happy memories with her. She was a true blessing to everyone who crossed her path.

**Kari Castelli** - March 10 at 04:35 PM

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“ What a beautiful woman, inside and out. I feel very privileged to know Joan. Her family meant the world to her. She put a smile on my face so often. I will miss her very much. What a fantastic loving family, I feel very blessed to have known Joan, Jeriann and Jeff. Rest In Peace my friend, I love you

**Nicolle Kramer** - March 10 at 04:21 PM

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“ this truly saddens me, Joan was a wonderful friend and my deepest sympathy's to the Lamb and West families....Jonny Ringo,you be well my friend

**Michael Bault** - March 10 at 04:10 PM