



## Joan M. Arndt

October 8, 1942 - January 7, 2017

KNOX-Joan M. Arndt, 74, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Porter Regional Hospital, Valparaiso, IN.

Joan was born October 8, 1942 in LaPorte, IN to Leslie and Francis (Samuels) Vories and lived in the area most of her life. She was a retired English teacher at Knox Junior High School, a member of the Starke County Humane Society and the Starke County Historical Society.

Survivors include one brother, Leslie "Butch" Arndt Jr.; one sister, Kathy Singleton; and several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Nancy (Jim) Singleton; and one brother, Michael Arndt.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the Grace Baptist Church of Plymouth. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be given to the Starke County Humane Society or to the donor's choice.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Joan, a sister to my friend Kathy, always had a smile for you. Very pleasant to speak with. She had a never give up attitude. Heaven gained an angel. Kathy, Joan will be by your side always. Watch for the red cardinal, they say it's your angel checking on you. Hugs Betty & Gene*

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**Betty & Gene Flynn** - June 18, 2018 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ *What a sad day! I remember Ms. Arndt very well...I always thought she was a wonderful teacher and sparked my love of English. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Michelle Minisan** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

BW

“ *You will be missed my dear friend ?*

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**Barbara Warren** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

SH

“ *She was a wonderful teacher!*

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**Sandra Howard** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

MM

“ *Miss Arndt was a wonderful teacher as I grew up she would always talk to me to me very nice to me over the years until we meet again Melody Hazen Miller*

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**MELODY MILLER** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

LO

“ Miss Arndt was my English teacher in 1978. She will be greatly missed.

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**Lisa O'DONNELL** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

DA

“ Miss Arndt was a dedicated teacher who wanted our best effort, and encouraged us to be our best selves. I remember so much of what she taught me and began to respect language in her classroom. She will be missed. I pray you are walking on streets of gold, Miss Arndt.

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**Donna (Simmons) Araya** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

MF

“ Joan "of" Arndt has been a friend since my sophomore year at Ball State. We were housemates during our college years. I always loved her voice, sense of humor, love for animals and movies. It has been great to enjoy her friendship over the years. She will be missed.

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**Melba Stidham Fleck** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

MF

“ Joan "of" Arndt and I have been friends since my sophomore year at Ball State; we were housemates. I have always loved her voice, sense of humor, love for animals, reading and movies. It was great that we have been able to keep in contact over the years. I will miss her friendship.

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**Melba Stidham Fleck** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

BE

“ So many memories.. playing with my cousins in her back yard when we were little. Playing Yahtzee at her kitchen table. Learning proper English with gentle prompts whenever we mis-spoke... followed by an apology because she was not in school and it just came out. Learning that she picked my name... from "Little Women"... My first ever bacon cheeseburger... it seemed like it took forever for her to make it because everything was precise! Going to the grocery store with her and being surprised that we could get all the "good" treats... and being shocked at how much she spent on her animals! lol.. all the animals throughout the years... I believe people knew that she was a good "drop off" for unwanted animals... Her visits to our home every October when she would make home-made lasagna for my birthday. My first ever trip to a fine Chinese restaurant... and the waiter scolded her and her college friends about splitting the bill. "In his country one person pays the bill"... and the time she took my siblings and I to a restaurant that had a large pipe organ in it and they played music while you ate... don't remember the name. Listening to Her and Mom staying up until late in the night talking and laughing. They had such a strong strong bond. Even last week she said how much she missed her. Taking her to the various hospital visits and seeing how strong she was to go through all the various trials and hardships she had with her health. Her unique sense of humor and love of "The Far Side" and "Garfield". Her decision to trust Christ as her Saviour before a very serious surgery in 1989... and her telling everyone that she had done so right before and after the surgery... like she was giving us assurance that she was going to heaven. The doctor telling her that she needed to stop smoking... in NO uncertain terms. Her detestation of nursing homes and hospitals... and the time the nurses dropped her on her head when she had a "halo" on and moved the bolts... No wonder! Her love of animals... and sense of protection for them. Her intense desire to help the weak... world wildlife fund, women from third world countries, buying goats, chickens and wells for third world countries for our Christmas gifts one year, feeding america... and the democratic party (sorry, that was for her humor). How can we forget her love for the democratic party and a good row over

*politicians... her love for debate...I will miss her. I am glad that I had her in my life. I look forward to meeting more of her friends in February ... and seeing her again in Heaven.*

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**Beth Elliott** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM

CM

“ *A great friend who will be greatly missed. I met her years ago, and we got to know each other while working on the Relay for life (1999-2002). I also enjoyed her debates about her beloved Democratic party. Bye my dear friend, I hope to see you again in heaven.*

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**Connie Marsh** - April 29, 2018 at 06:33 PM