



JoAnn Nightengale Knicely

February 18, 1932 - August 29, 2014

JoAnn Nightengale Knicely, age 82 of Valley Grove, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 29, 2014, at home, surrounded by her family.

JoAnn was born February 18, 1932 in Wheeling, WV, to the late Russell and Regina Kusinski Nightengale.

She grew up in Elm Grove and graduated from Triadelphia High School in 1950. JoAnn graduated from the Nursing School at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in 1972. She worked as a school nurse at Warwood Elementary, and an office nurse for Dr. Jellen's Family Practice and at the Oakwood Clinic for Dr. Wack until her retirement in 1997.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Gerald Knicely, and their five children; Cheryl Brown of Ann Arbor, MI, Mark Brown, of Lake Mills, WI, Brandon Knicely of Austin, TX, Lori Means of Vashon, WA, and Kellie White of Severna Park, MD. She is also survived by her only brother, Russell Nightengale, of Mentor Ohio, and his wife, Marjorie.

She leaves behind 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

JoAnn was a member of the Baha'i Faith for over 50 years. She was an avid animal lover and was especially fond of dogs. She enjoyed watching college football (Go Blue!), crocheting afghans for her family, and doing crossword puzzles.

Her warm, vibrant smile and kind, loving spirit will be greatly missed by all. Family and Friends will be received on Sunday from 4-8pm and on Monday from 12 noon until time of service at 1:00pm at Grisell Funeral Home &

Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

Graveside service and interment will be held Tuesday 12 noon at Parkview Memorial Park, Wheeling.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Valley Hospice, 10686 SR150, Rayland, OH 43943 or the Humane Society of Ohio County.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Memorial Park

1799 Warden Run Road
Wheeling, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parkview Memorial Park
1799 Warden Run Road
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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Though it has been many years since I visited with my Baha'i friend JoAnn, I remember her as a dear spirit and an uplifting presence. May God bless her and her loved ones. - R. Gregory Shaw*

R Shaw - December 04, 2014 at 08:41 AM

TI

“ *Kellie: You've shared many stories about your mom. And even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these very memories that will help push the pain away and bring back the smiles. Please let me know what you need. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

tia - August 31, 2014 at 04:03 PM

TW

“ *Brownie - although your Mom has gone home, she will live on in your hearts. Trish joins me in our sorrow over losing the woman that loved you all so very much. Take care, my friend. Tim Wharton*

Tim Wharton - August 31, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ *This fine lady was my favorite auntie! Aunt Jo Ann. One of the best things I remember about her was her ability to make anyone feel like a million bucks! She was so kind as to make my mother feel at home in a family that was not her meter. She was a kind Soul.*

When I was a very little girl, maybe 6 years old, Aunt Jo Ann and Uncle Bill came to my parents' New Year's Eve party at our home. She arrived early and went straight upstairs where the children's rooms were, and she proceeded to turn on the lights to fix her make up and hair. We three girls thought her an Angel, and perhaps one of the most beautiful women we had ever seen! We watched intently -- she allowed it -- as she placed one paint after another on her lovely face. We were intrigued beyond belief that anyone could know so much about Beauty. But she did, and not just the physical kind. It was internal to who she was and what she was, a little Gal from Wheeling, WV. Who made her life bigger by her just being IN the world. Made lots of other people's lives bigger, too.

Remember, Auntie . . . I love you well. xox, Sharon Brown Fernandez

Sharon Fernandez - August 31, 2014 at 11:42 AM

LW

“ Dearest Kellie and family,

From the last book my mom read.....

“Time,” the Captain said, “is not what you think.” He sat down next to Eddie. “Dying? Not the end of everything. We think it is. But what happens on earth is only the beginning.”

? Mitch Albom, The Five People You Meet in Heaven

Your best friend is now the most beautiful angel. Just look at the smile in her picture.

Love to you during this difficult time.

Lisa Ward - August 30, 2014 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ Knowing Kellie, I know what a special person her mom was even though I only met her a few times. My prayers and thoughts are with your family. I hope you are basking in the glow of your memories.

Jane McDaniel - August 30, 2014 at 12:28 PM