



Joan R. Higgins

August 1, 1940 - August 7, 2021

Joan R. Higgins of Cadillac passed away Saturday evening, August 7, 2021 with loving support of family and staff at the Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. She was 81.

Joan was born on August 1, 1940 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to Arthur H. & Ethel M. (Nancarrow) Ryder and they preceded her in death.

At the age of 8 years old Joan moved to the Flint area and graduated from Flint Central High School in 1958. She went on to Central Michigan University where she received her Bachelor's degree. Joan was an elementary teacher and had taught in many states over the years and retired from Cadillac Area Public Schools in 2000.

Joan had many hobbies and interests including: flowers, gardening, playing cards, camping, traveling around the world. She enjoyed making new friends and helping children. She was an active and involved member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac and had served as their Kid's Hope director. Being active in the community was a part of her life and she was a member of the Cadillac Garden Club, Cadillac Philharmonic and Friends of the Cadillac Library.

On June 15, 1963 in Flint she married James C. Higgins and he survives her

along with their children: Jeffrey (Lori) Higgins of Smithville, MO, Jennifer (Tim) Suck of Cadillac and Jill (Brandon) Hamilton of Kalamazoo, MI; 7 grandchildren: Korey Higgins, Heather Higgins, Andrew (Samantha) Wilhelm, Brock Wilhelm, Valyrie (Trent) Garrett, Audrey Hamilton, and Kaitlyn Hamilton and 1 great grandchild, Colt Wilhelm. In addition to her parents Joan was preceded in death by a brother, Bryan Ryder.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family from 5-7 PM Friday at the church and prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Michigan.

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<https://www.cadillaczion.org/online-giving.html>

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Hugs and prayers to family and friends she left behind. She is a wonderful lady, and great teacher to all 3 of our sons at Kenwood school

Carla(Doan) Moffit - August 16, 2021 at 04:08 AM

KM

“ I'm sure going to miss you Aunt Joan! I have many wonderful memories of you! RIP!

Kathy Maclean - August 10, 2021 at 02:28 PM

BP

“ Our condolences Jim & family . Joan was a wonderful traveling companion and hostess- sharing her warmth, smiles and sincerity with family and friends . A talented lady who will be missed .

Barbara & Walter Poulstrup - August 09, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PM

“ My thoughts are with you and your family Jennifer. I will always remember your mother's soft smile, laugh, and that twinkle in her eye.

Paula Meyers - August 09, 2021 at 05:08 AM

BH

“ Joan was loved by so many people. She always had a positive word to say. Joan certainly was a asset to anything she under took on. We will miss her smiling face

Bob Harcourt Shirley Harcourt - August 08, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MB

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the entire family. Mrs. Higgins was a kind soul and always had a huge smile and a sweet conversation whenever your paths would cross. She will be missed.*

Mitzie Boyer - August 08, 2021 at 04:26 PM