



## Joann Marie Arnzen

December 29, 1943 - June 9, 2020

On June 9, 2020, Joann Vandeven Arnzen of Cape Girardeau left this life at St. Francis Hospital to go to her new home with the heavenly Father.

Joann will best be remembered for the family she raised and the friendships she developed. She was constantly on the go and a consistent presence and positive influence in the lives of her loving husband, her two daughters, her six grandchildren and countless friends. Her roots were in Cape Girardeau, where she enjoyed fishing, golfing, reading, gardening, and having lunch with dear friends. She dedicated 52 years to working in the medical field and cherished her time with co-workers and patients, all of whom she considered friends. She enjoyed her winters in Phoenix, Arizona, where she would spend time with her daughters and participate in the school, sports and life events of her beloved grandchildren. Her life was filled with energy, constant motion, passion and love. She can rest knowing that her love and lessons will be shared by all of those who knew her.

Joann was born December 29, 1943 to Henry and Hilda Holzum Vandeven in Bollinger County. She married her best friend and love of her life Edwin Henry Arnzen on August 31, 1963. She is survived by her husband Ed; two daughters, Cheryl (Robert) Beahan and their children, Hadley, McKenna, Payton and Brody of Arizona and Amy (Tony) Spahr, and daughters, Kinsey and Maiya, of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Hilda Vandeven; her sister, Virginia Connors; brother-in-law, Jerome Connors; father- and mother-in-law, Ernest and Elizabeth Arnzen; and brother-in-law, Herman Arnzen.

Always the planner, Joann asked the following to be noted in her obituary: "I would like to thank my husband, my daughters and their families for all the happiness you gave me, God Bless to All."

A funeral mass will be offered July 1, 2020 at St. Vincent Catholic Church, at 9:00 am. A celebration of life will be at the Elks Club on July 1 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Notre Dame High School or SEMO Women's Basketball, two organizations that were dear to her heart.

Due to COVID-19, attendees are asked to wear a mask at the church and reception. In order to do our part and to be respectful of reducing the spread of the virus, you are also asked to refrain from personal contact with one another, keeping the six foot suggested spacing. The family would like to encourage attendees to instead of sharing an embrace, practice one of Joann's signature trademark traditions: a wink or thumbs up to one another!

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Celebration of Life

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Elk's Lodge  
639 Elk Lane  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Arzen.



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June 29, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ So sad and sorry about the loss of my friend, Joann. What a great friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.



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**Susie O'Connell** - June 17, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Coach I just wanted to say I am sorry for your loss. the few times I have met and spoken with you and Mrs. Arzen she seemed a lady with class. Sometimes it feels like a part of you is gone but over time the pain lessens. The sign of a life well lived is the memories a person leaves behind, I have no doubt there are a lifetime of pleasant memories.  
I do miss seeing you both at WalMart but I just wanted you to know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Jeff Wyatt*

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**jeffery wyatt** - June 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JM

“ Ed, so sorry for your loss. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will miss her daily and your life will change but those precious memories you shared will become even more precious as your life goes on . . . , in understanding love & sympathy, Joan.

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**Joan McPherson** - June 13, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BD

“ Bill and I extend our deepest sympathy to Ed and all of Joann's family and ask God's Blessings on them to help them through this most difficult time .Bill and I have been friends with Joann all of her life as we were grew up in the same town of Glennon Mo. We were all neighbors and belonged to St Anthony's Catholic Church Joann was a classmate of my brother, Harley. Before the Corona Virus came we kidded each other as she would come only to eat fish on some Fridays at the Senior Center and we would come only to play Bingo. Also I did childcare for Cheryl and Amy ,and Cheryl's two children McKenna and Peyton We have only good memories of Joann. God bless her as she is now reaping her reward

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**Bill,Betty DeBrockFriend** - June 12, 2020 at 10:38 PM