



Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem

November 5, 1932 - July 10, 2017

Joan van Rossem peacefully passed away in the early morning July 10, 2017. She leaves behind a loving family and friends who will always have a place in their hearts for such a special lady.

Joan, Joanie to her friends, was born on November 5, 1932, in Prairie du Chen, Wisconsin. She spent the majority of her childhood in Tipton, Iowa, where her father was the town dentist. All of our family has very fond memories of this small Iowa town where cornfields were the border of town. Starting out at Cornell University she transferred to the London School of Economics where she met a friend who introduced her to her husband of 56 years, Arnie. She graduated from University of Wisconsin and was a fan of the Badgers all of her life.

She lived in Miami, Minneapolis, Caracas, Holland Michigan, Medina Ohio and retired, having homes in Fort Myers, Florida and Big Canoe, GA. She traveled extensively to destinations in every part of the world.

She was a very gregarious person, who never met a stranger. She devoted her time to the less fortunate; setting up food, medical and educational opportunities.

She had a competitive streak that was apparent in board games, tennis, swimming and especially, watching her kids play sports. She was the loudest mom in the stands.

She was instrumental in making her kids take their education seriously and was very proud of our accomplishments.

She loved the garden and the farm where she raised her own vegetables and livestock. Mom, most of all, valued her time with her family. Her blue eyes would light up every time she saw any of us.

We only have one Mom and she was the best.

Services will be held at 4pm, Sunday, July 16th at Johns Creek United Methodist Church in the Gathering Room, 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd. Duluth, GA 30097. To send flowers or share a memory please visit the website: www.northsidechapel.com. In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Johns Creek United Methodist Church
11180 Medlock Bridge Rd.
Duluth, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *44 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Northside Chapel - July 16, 2017 at 07:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem.*



July 14, 2017 at 05:05 PM

PS

“ *Joan was my friend, tenacious tennis partner, and secret weapon on the court. She was a lovely person, always cheerful, with a great sense of humor. She will be missed by all her Florida friends.*
Pat Sloan



Pat Sloan - July 14, 2017 at 01:55 PM

JW

“ *Jill Willy purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem.*



Jill Willy - July 14, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem.*



July 13, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem.*



July 12, 2017 at 03:13 PM

SB

“ Dear family of Joan. I played tennis with Joan at Cypress Lake Tennis Club and for many years during that time many memories were made. She was such a smart and good player and made us all look good. She confused her opponents and it was always up to her partner to keep score so we always laughed about that. After tennis ceased we continued having lunch together and kept that up for a while. She made us all laugh and we were amazed at her skills with other things and we missed her when she moved.

Susan Brown

susan brown - July 12, 2017 at 10:21 AM

ED

Thank you Susan for sharing. I am Joan's daughter, Elizabeth and you will be glad to know an avid tennis player to this day. It was a sport I grew up playing with my Mom, great memories!

Elizabeth Van Derbeck - July 12, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Van Rossem.



July 12, 2017 at 01:10 AM

MG

“ I'll never forget riding bikes with Joan in Fort Myers...we had many laughs and I had all I could do to keep up with her. She was such a lover of life ..xoxo Joan VanRossem! Thanks for making me part of the family and for all the great times we shared!

Marci Giorgio - July 11, 2017 at 06:23 PM