



Johanna Welker

July 28, 1934 - November 26, 2021

Johanna "Joan" Welker of Perryville, Missouri, went to her eternal rest on November 26, 2021. She was born July 28, 1934 to the late Edwin F. and Mary (Schumer) Unverferth.

She and Thomas J. Welker were married on October 30, 1954, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Perryville. Thomas preceded her in death on February 25, 1996.

Joan was known first and foremost for her love of Jesus Christ and her family. Her greatest joys were caring for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She prayed for them without ceasing. She was a woman whose heart overflowed with love and kindness for everyone she met. Her cheerful disposition and positive outlook could always bring a smile to your face. She could always be counted on to bring an angel food cake with sprinkles to a birthday party, share her delicious potato salad for every holiday, and last, but not least, provide plenty of her world-famous banana pudding (in the green bowl) for the family who loved her.

For most of her life Joan was a homemaker, but she was also employed with the International Shoe Company, the Miraculous Medal office, and most recently served as a volunteer at Perry County Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Overcomers Church International of Perryville and spoke often of her church family and pastors.

Joan is survived by four children, Rick Welker, Robert 'Bob' (Peggy) Welker, and Dianne Papin, all of Perryville, Missouri, and Timothy Welker, of Lake St. Louis, Missouri. She has 10 grandchildren, Joshua (Tessa) Welker, Matthew (Ashley) Welker, Kyle (Linzie) Welker and Nicole Welker (children of Rick Welker), Kaitlin (Ted) Alfermann, Jaclyn (Adam) Reinagel and Haley (Josh) Brantley (children of Bob Welker), and Billy Hudson, Joshua Hudson and Mindy (Todd) Welker (children of Dianne Papin), and many wonderful great grandchildren.

She is survived by two siblings, Jim Unverferth of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mary Ann Becker of Perryville, Missouri. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Debra (Leonard) Pauly on September 23, 2007. Nine siblings, including her twin brother Jack Unverferth, Joe Unverferth, Rosemary Healey, Ruth Baer, Alma Schumer, Thomas "Pete" Unverferth, Ed "Sonny" Unverferth, Regina Unverferth and Edwin Unverferth.

Visitation will be at Ford and Young Funeral Home Monday November 29th 4pm-8pm and Tuesday November 30th 8am-10am. Funeral Service will follow at 10am at Ford and Young Funeral Home with Rev. Kent Ward Officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Perryville Missouri.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Ford and Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 South West Street
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Memorial

NOV 27. 1:44 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Johanna Welker*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Johanna Welker*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful mother kids. We were friends for many years and always enjoyed Joan and Tom's company. Ypur Dad and I worked together for years at thr post office. God bless you all.*



Gene Tucker - December 22, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ *So sorry Rick. Prayers for your family.*

Ray Eaton

Ray Eaton - November 29, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *I will miss you so much Aunt Joan. Your house was my second home when we came back to Perryville. It was where I enjoyed being the most. I loved both you and Uncle Tommy. Now you should be back together again.*



Terry Unverferth Schluentz - November 29, 2021 at 03:51 PM

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“ I came to know her when I attended the Overcomers Church. She was a very sweet lady and she has gone home.

Rob Mills - November 29, 2021 at 02:40 PM

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“ Bob, Peggy and entire family,
Our sympathy to you on the loss of your mother. Prayers the Peace of God will be with you and loving memories surround you.
Michael and Nancy Burke

Nancy Burke - November 29, 2021 at 01:32 PM

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“ Aunt Joan was a real jewel & I enjoyed my time with her very much. I spent a lot of time at her house when I was young helping her with or babysitting the kids. She helped me grow up & I will miss her.
Rest In Peace 💕💕!

Sharon Moonier - November 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM