



Joan Frances Wysong

May 31, 1940 - January 5, 2021

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Joan was a loving mother and grandmother. She was born to Bernard and Marie Franklin Elliott in Minnesota.

Left to cherish her memory, her daughter, Wendy Marie Long and husband Larry; son Jim Wysong and her pride and joy granddaughter Lindsey Marie Long.

Joan was a loving and kind person who worked hard in many endeavors. She began a successful massage therapy practice in 1990 and worked hard to help patients for over 33 years.

She became a devoted and longtime Board President of the West Virginia Massage Therapy Licensing Board, instrumental in it's creation, working tirelessly to help the industry she loved and felt could truly help people.

Joan was deeply spiritual person and was committed to alternative healing in many forms. She is known through the region as advocate for spiritual beliefs. She loved helping all those that she could. She will be remembered fondly by

those she worked to help.

She was a 50 year member of St. Andrews Methodist Church and a supporter of Unity of Kanawha Valley.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Wysong family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Andrews United Methodist Church
815 Kanawha Terrace
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Wendy and Jimmy....I hate that I am only seeing this now. She was a sweet and kind lady! During the last two summers, I would look for her whenever I was out on a walk around the neighborhood with two of my granddaughters.

Doug Meadows - February 24, 2022 at 10:15 PM

MB

“ I was at my hairdresser one day and told her that I had a back injury that was causing me a lot of problems. I was just released from a 15-month stint of physical therapy, but I was still in pain.. She gave me Joan’s business card and suggested I give her a call and thought that she might be able to help me. I called the number on the card and left a voicemail explaining how I found out about her and my situation. Joan called me back and after we talked for awhile, she said she could help me. I made an appointment, and it was the best thing I ever did! Not only did she help ease my pain, but she became a good friend for many years. I moved back to Ohio in 2010 to be with my aging parents. I missed our friendship, our talks and those wonderful massages! We went to see Tony Bennett at the Clay Center! Our visits were more about friendship than patient / Massage Therapist. I will always have fond memories of our time together. God Bless You Joan...Love, Mary Brannon

Mary Brannon - August 29, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JM

“ Wendy I just heard Joan passed away. Breaks my heart to hear that news. Call me sometime. Janice May 785-485-2180

Janice May - June 14, 2021 at 02:05 PM

TL

“Joan will be missed terribly. Joan was always great to my family and me. I grew up with the family on Washington ave in Nitro. She was definitely a very special woman and played a big role in my life as well as your Dad. I was very sorry to here of her passing. My condolences to you and your family, Tim Layne

Tim Layne - April 04, 2021 at 05:16 PM

SB

“So sorry to hear of Joan’s passing. We lived across the street from her in Nitro. She and I were very good friends our children played together. We sewed together Joan was the best at finding bargain fabrics. I have not heard from her in a long time. Always stopped by to see her when I was up that way. I will miss our visits. Sandra Norvell Beavers

Sandra Norvell Beavers - January 21, 2021 at 05:21 PM

HH

“Dear Wendy and all of Joan's family,
Joan was such a beautiful and powerful life force. So many people were touched by her healing and kind energy.
She was so supportive and encouraging as I learned to be a massage therapist and I am very grateful for her. She was a forerunner in massage therapy and her work to establish a safe and ethical path for the massage therapy profession in the state is truly appreciated. The massage community has lost a true champion.
Fly high Joan, I know you are already spreading the light.

Holly Hoffmann

Holly Hoffmann - January 14, 2021 at 08:06 AM

LH

“Joan was a very special friend and therapist to me thru many, many sessions. I will miss our dinners out and all our shows at the Clay Center and Mountain Stage. Rest in Peace.
Lora Cotter Harless, Cross Lanes.

Lora Lee Harless - January 11, 2021 at 11:46 AM

EC

“Beth Kerns introduced me to Joan several years ago. We were just social acquaintances.
In 2007, I unexpectedly had my grandchildren to take care of ages 4 and newborn. At the same time, my mother was just diagnosed with lung cancer and wasn't doing so well. I was unable to work at the time and so I was struggling.
When my daughter would drop in I would run across the street to the post office to get my mail once or twice a week. One day while gathering the mail, I found a card from Joan. She sent me money to help me out and wrote some of the kindest words. I let her know what a godsend the money had been because I needed to pay my power bill. Joan called me about once a week just to see how I was doing and told me she prayed for me and sent healing. Some of her other friends and Beth carried me through that time. When my mother passed, again Joan sent me a card with sweet words to comfort me. And that is when I learned just who she was!
I graduated from Massage School in Nov 2012 and she called me again to congratulate me.
In July 2015 I rented space uptown in Nitro to try to build my clientele. Joan came and got a massage after I had been there 10 months. She called me a few days after and offered to let me use her studio.
I learned a lot from Joan. I got to spend some time with her when I was there every week.
Joan was always kind to me. She shared her wisdom with me and encouraged me. I will miss her.

Elsa Colston - January 11, 2021 at 10:17 AM

BH

“ Ms Joan was a wonderful lady!! Very sweet and kind!! Jimmy and Agnes took good care of their Mommy!! She will be missed!! Prayers going up for her family and friends during this time of great loss!! Her beautiful soul is now at rest!!

Belinda Henderson - January 11, 2021 at 06:46 AM

SS

So sorry for your loss, Joan was a very soft spoken sweet lady, and was loved by everyone who knew her. RIP Joan, you will be sadly missed.

Sandy Scott - January 31, 2021 at 01:26 AM

PF

“ Joan got our son involved in lawnmowing since he was 12. She said she would train him. She got him many customers. When he left for college we kept his yards going and when he graduated from college , we continued his yards. Joan always had a smile on her face. We enjoyed talking to her. She will be missed . Our sympathies to her family, Warren and Pam Fagan

Pam Fagan - January 10, 2021 at 07:29 PM

FJ

“ I am truly sorry for the passing of Joan. I remember days past when therapists from WV would attend the National Massage Therapy Conventions. Joan was a very sweet person and always exhibited true professionalism in her practice. She will be missed by many.

Faye Jones - January 10, 2021 at 11:04 AM

FD

“ *Mama Joan took care of our two oldest daughters for several years. We were so blessed to find her!! She invested love and care into our children almost as if they were her own. She was a special person with a heart of gold. We are so thankful to have known her. May the peace and light of the Lord bring comfort to her family!!*

Fred and Teresa Dillon - January 10, 2021 at 10:58 AM

SS

So sorry for your loss, Joan was a very sweet lady. I'm sure that Heaven rejoiced to receive another one of the Lords Angel's home. Prayers be with you and your family in your hour of need. RIP Joan.

Sandy Scott - January 31, 2021 at 08:53 PM



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Wv HorseshowMom - March 31, 2023 at 11:23 AM

BM

“ *My love and prayers to Joan's family. She was a kind and generous woman. I was honored to have known her and experience her great healing abilities.*

Becky McIntosh - January 09, 2021 at 02:10 PM



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Wv HorseshowMom - March 31, 2023 at 11:24 AM

MT

“*Joan is a special friend. I will miss her loving smile and her Respite House which was filled with God's presence. I met Joan at St. Andrew UMC. Joan liked movies and we went several times to dinner and a movie. I know she is resting in the arms of Jesus completely healed from all pain. My heart goes out to her family and all those that loved her.* Marilyn Trout



Marilyn Trout - January 07, 2021 at 02:41 PM



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LS

“Joan and I met in March 1991, when she gave me a ride to my first massage therapy training. We became great friends over the years, and worked together towards the end of her career. She was a wonderful and fun roommate when we traveled to AMTA events, and I’m grateful for all the vivid memories of us screaming with laughter at some ridiculous thing. On one road trip, she had me laughing so hard, I had to pull over to get control of myself. Please know Joan will be missed, and my thoughts are with you. Blessings to you.

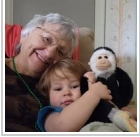
Linda Sodaro - January 06, 2021 at 09:46 PM



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Wv HorseshowMom - March 31, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ I first met Joan in March 1987 when she became my massage therapist. I saw her every single week for over 30 years. We grew to be friends and "sisters" in life's journey. We traveled together and saw each other through life's ups and downs. She introduced me to new spiritual concepts that changed my life. Together we studied the teachings of Wayne Dyer, Louise Hay, Depak Chopra, Debbie Ford, and many others. My heart is so very sad to say farewell to such a loving, helpful soul. I'm certain, though, that she is free, happy, and enjoying the continuance of her spiritual journey in a new form. Watch over me, Joan (like you always have) ... and I'll see you again soon! I love you, Sister!



Barbie Dallmann - January 06, 2021 at 08:35 PM