



## Josephine "Joan" Stevens

September 15, 1941 - September 27, 2009

Josephine "Joan" F. Stevens was born on September 15, 1941 in St. Helens Lancashire, England to the late Joseph & Mary (Murray) Skelly. She was united in marriage to Duane Stevens on June 29, 1963 in Anoka, MN. The couple were long time residents of the Coon Rapids area. Joan worked for many years for Montgomery Wards Company. After retiring, the couple moved to the Brainerd Lakes area. She enjoyed traveling, boating on Gull Lake, spending time with family and friends. Joan is survived by the love of her life and husband, Duane Stevens of Lakeshore, MN; sister, Sheila Epstein of New Jersey; nieces; nephews; 8 cousins; many special friends and family in Ireland. Memorials preferred to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
25574 Church Street  
Nisswa, MN

## Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Josephine "Joan" Stevens*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Josephine "Joan" Stevens*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Softly in the morning  
You heard a gentle call  
You took the hand God offered you  
And quietly left us all  
May God enfold you  
in the mantle of his love*

*Rest in peace*

*Murray family Kildare Ireland##imported-begin##Murray family##imported-end##*

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November 12, 2009 at 07:17 AM



“ Dear Joan, remembered for your lovely personality and hospitality when I visited yours and Duane's Minnesota home and Florida in recent years. Lovely people such as you are never forgotten.##imported-begin##ken burdett##imported-end##

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October 22, 2009 at 08:31 AM



“ Joan - to live on in the hearts of those who love you is not to die.

Sincere condolences to Duane.

Death is an horizon and an horizon is nothing but the limit of our sight.##imported-begin##Patricia, Graham, Claire and Richard Smyth##imported-end##

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October 19, 2009 at 05:51 AM



“ We'll miss you greatly. Such a fun gal. So sorry Duane. God Bless.##imported-begin##Harvey and Joanne Sathoff##imported-end##

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October 15, 2009 at 05:30 PM



“ Joanie - You will be missed.

Duane - I love you!##imported-begin##Aunt Myrlene Sparks##imported-end##

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October 11, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ Lucky are those of us who have had the pleasure of a friendship like Joanie"s in our lives. Duane, you two have influenced so many peoples lives in such wonderful ways. Keep this in your heart as you make it through the tough days and weeks ahead. Marty & Barb###imported-begin###Marty & Barb Weidenbach###imported-end##

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October 09, 2009 at 03:14 PM



“ I remember with fondness Joan's visits "home" to Ireland, particularly the visit with Ruth in 1990. My abiding memory of Joan will be her great love of life.  
"Ni bheidh a leitheid aris ann" (her like will not pass this way again).###imported-begin###Nuala Murray###imported-end##

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October 07, 2009 at 06:59 AM



“ JOANIE TAUGHT US TO LIVE LIFE WITH NO REGRETS.WE ARE GOING TO MISS HER SMILING FACE .###imported-begin###ROBIN WELCOME###imported-end##

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October 06, 2009 at 09:56 PM



“ FOREVER IN OUR THOUGHTS WE HAVE LOVED HER IN LIFE LET US NOT FORGET HER IN DEATH.###imported-begin###MARIE AND NICHOLAS CUMMINS###imported-end##

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October 06, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Keeping Joan & family in our thoughts.

All our love,

Jamie & Brent##imported-begin##Jamie Leger & Brent  
Rebischke##imported-end##

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October 04, 2009 at 09:41 PM



“ Joni was such a fun loving person, always ready to have a good time. We will miss her dearly' Our prayers are with you Duane and will always be here for you.##imported-begin##Rollie & Joan Gandrud##imported-end##

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October 04, 2009 at 12:41 PM



“ Joni... Thank you for being my best friend. You reminded me of my aunt and you were like one to me. You were always there for me: when I needed advice or a shoulder to lean/cry on. I will miss you so much.##imported-begin##Nadia Carlston##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 09:41 PM



“ My dear friend Joni,  
I miss you greatly. I miss your jokes, laughter and company. You always will be in my memories.  
Rest in peace, my Dear.##imported-begin##Nadia  
Carlston##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 09:12 PM



“ Duane,  
You have our deepest sympathy in losing Joanie so early in life. She was the love of your live you and you showed the world and most of all her that she was. She was a kind, beautiful and most of all a lady. She touched so many with her smiles and her kindness. This earth is a better place because she was here and now heaven will be even better....

We will all miss her.

Regards,

The Santelli's##imported-begin##John & Brenda Santelli & Family##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 09:01 PM



“ Joanie, You have always been an inspiration to me with your uplifting spirit and friendly laugh. You will be missed deeply by our family because you always supported us in everything. I will miss ALL the laughs we have had and the girls slumber parties. Thank you for always being there for my Mom. You and Arlene are the best friends she has ever had ,sticking with her through thick and thin. You and Duane are more like Family than some of our family. God bless you and keep you always. We Love You, Mark and Becky Neuschwander and Family##imported-begin##Becky Neuschwander (Bergman)##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 07:03 PM



“ Joanie was a wonderful women and I always enjoyed taking care of her. She was such a sweet women. I loved talking with her and will miss her.##imported-begin##Dustine Parks##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 02:38 PM



“ *Joanie... a woman, so full of light and love, someone who always brought a smile to my face when listening to her great accent. Shine on Joanie!!! We miss you sooo much!!!  
Duane, You are like family to us and have been a beautiful part of our lives throughout the years. We love you and are here for you always!!!  
Love, Jodi, Terry, Chloe and Wyatt###imported-begin###Jodi Nelson (Bergman)###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 10:18 PM



“ *Joni will be greatly missed. Wishing Duane the strength to be strong during this very difficult time. My prayers are with you...  
Randy###imported-begin###Randy Bergman###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ *I'm thankful for the timeless friendship we shared, from so young to now. I miss her and will always miss her and her little voice with the giggle in the background saying "ohhhh, Joanie..." ...the walks down memory lane and the straight-on look at life. We were each other's touchstones that never altered. She earned her peace with Our Lord and she left this world better than she found it. Our thanks to Duane for such a loving husband and friend and I am glad they felt they had "pretty much done it all." With love to Duane as well.  
Joanie###imported-begin###Joan Leary###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 04:05 PM



“ Duane,

*We can not attend the service but wish to express our sympathy in the passing of Joanie. I will always remember the laughter Joanie brought to the family. She loved life and open her heart to all. She will be missed.*

*Mary and Tim###imported-begin###mary and tim christensen###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 11:21 AM



“ We knew this wonderful lady named Joanie. She spread her love over all of us. She was our "MAME".###imported-begin###Larry and Jan Kanserski###imported-end##

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October 01, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Joanie will be remembered with love as a bright, warm, wonderful friend. She had a smile and a kind, witty word for everyone. We'll miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Duane, Buddy, and all her family.###imported-begin###Bill and Jan Antholz###imported-end##

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October 01, 2009 at 10:37 AM



“ My Dear Friend Joni There will never be another you! tThank you for being my very Best friend through Thick & thin. You were ALWAYS there for me, and I Miss you so much. Thanks for all the Good times See you at the East gate... Gerri###imported-begin###Gerri & Dick Bergman###imported-end##

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October 01, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ my dear frind joanie, we will always remember you we love you so much we will see you again!##imported-begin##milad &kariman ailabouni##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 10:01 PM



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September 30, 2009 at 09:57 PM



“ Duane: Our thoughts are with you and your family at this sad and difficult time. Joan will be sadly missed by all.....##imported-begin##Joe and Ev Steadman##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 07:34 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Joanie's passing and of your deep loss Duane. My folks, Marty and Barb are out of the country, but I know that they will be very sad to learn about their dear friend of so many years. Please accept our family's deepest condolences. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Patty (Weidenbach) Levy##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ I am going to miss your smiling face!!! You touched my life in many ways. I love you.##imported-begin##Denise Albrecht##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Joannie was a great friend to everyone.##imported-begin##Gary & Gloria Pierson##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 10:50 AM



“ She was one of the finest people I know. We had many talks over coffee and tea. I never enjoy a self dependant person more than her. She is home with Jesus and I know she will be blessed. Thanks Joanie for being our friend. God will now give her the ever lasting body for eternal life.

Doug & Cindy Dorn##imported-begin##Doug & Cindy Dorn##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 10:32 AM



“ Fond memories of a dear friend are never erased. Joanie will live on in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives she touched. As only "Mame" could say " You've made us feel alive again; you've given us the drive again..." . We will hear you singing forever !##imported-begin##Sharon and Fred Bryce##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ We will miss Joan's smiling face and upbeat nature. Duane, we continue to keep you in prayer.##imported-begin##Gene & Marilyn James##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 10:14 AM



“ You were a great sister-in-law. You were always there for us. I will miss you terribly. Please say HI to Terry for me. I know he was there waiting for you to come through the heaven's gate. I love you.##imported-begin##Gail Nakielski##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 09:34 AM



“ We will miss you so much, always so happy and so much fun. Such a good friend. Love you both. Kris and Kenny##imported-begin##Kenny and Kris Sathoff##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 10:06 PM



“ Duand, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Rod and Pat DeGraw##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ Joanie was such a burst of sunshine wherever she went. We will miss her!##imported-begin##Rick and Pam Richter##imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ My dear friend Joanie, you were like a second mom to me. I will always treasure all the good memories that we had together. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for always being there for me and my family. We will miss you very much. We love you! Sue Linqvist & family###imported-begin##Sue Linqvist###imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ I will always remember Thanksgivings and spending time with you and Duane when my parents were away. I love you very much and will see you again!###imported-begin##Dana###imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 02:11 PM



“ you were the best aunt.  
I will miss you very much,  
you will always be in my heart!###imported-begin##Jonna###imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ Not only were you my wonderful sister-in-law but a special friend. I will miss you so much. Meet me at the east gate also.###imported-begin##Deb Mevissen###imported-end##

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September 29, 2009 at 09:58 AM