



JoAnne Joy Richardson

June 14, 1925 - February 15, 2024

JoAnne Richardson, 98, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at her home in Peoria, Illinois.

She was born on June 14, 1925 in Loup City, Nebraska. She moved to Chicago at the age of 21 to attend the American Academy of Art where she met her husband, John Richardson. They married in Omaha, Nebraska on August 18, 1946. He preceded her in death in 2001.

She is survived by her children: Julie(Lynn)Carl, Kathy(Brian)Glascock, Steve Richardson and Kim Richardson, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Joanne was an accomplished artist who taught community art classes and taught many individual students over the years. She was an avid reader and a lifelong gardener whose extensive flower beds were a highlight in her neighborhood.

A celebration of life will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Carle Hospice in Peoria or the organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“*JoAnne was my friend and a wonderful friend she was. One never lacked for interesting conversation in her company. She read voraciously and shared her thoughts about books, politics, art, gardening and cooking with equal relish. She was a devoted mother and repeatedly told me that she found that role very enjoyable and fulfilling. I am fortunate to have her paintings as a daily reminder of a beloved friend. I will miss our phone and in person visits. Her move to Peoria was a perfect place to spend her last years. Julie and Lynn made those years enjoyable and enabled her to live out her life in her own home. She will be missed. Jean Roach*

Jean Roach - February 27, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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“*JoAnne was a very nice person and a joy to be with. She certainly has been an inspiration to the neighborhood to keep adding beauty in flowers and gardens, even as we are in our 90's!! Our sincere condolences to Julie and Lynn and the rest of her family. Jeanne and Peter Barclay, High Point neighborhood.*

Jeanne Barclay - February 21, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“*JoAnne was an amazing artist who captured everyday moments with passion and sensitivity. For decades she documented her life—some may have thought mundane, but in her world, she chose to cherish a bus ride in Chicago to laundry day. Her memories became our memories. In her latter years, she slowed down in exhibiting her work—though she had a solo exhibition at the Peoria Art Guild a few years ago, and most recently she was awarded Best Of Show at the Members Exhibition at the Art Guild. Her reflections of a life well lived are forever documented in her artwork—a legacy most noteworthy.* john and Jeff Heintzman

john heintzman - February 20, 2024 at 10:58 AM