



Mrs. Joan Marilyn Paulson

September 5, 1937 - March 31, 2023

On March 31st, in Mobile, Alabama, Joan Marilyn (Rausch) Paulson, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away at the age of 85. Joan, born in Keepville, Pennsylvania, attended the Hamot School of Nursing after graduating from Albion High School. She was a proud and committed nurse who worked for more than 50 years at the Hamot Medical Center as well as the University of South Alabama Hospitals. Joan lived in Fairview, Pennsylvania, for over 20 years and was an active member of the community as well as various organizations. Later, she relocated to Mobile, Alabama, where she soon gained the love of a new community. Her generosity, warmth, and famous apple pies made her a cherished neighbor and friend everywhere she went. She loved to travel, whether it was visiting all 50 states, cruising the rivers of Europe, meeting family in Sweden, exploring the Highlands of Scotland, visiting her children and grandchildren, or just spending weekends in the RV with her husband Eric and friends. Joan had a passion for life and was an avid sports fan. She could always be seen on the sidelines cheering on her kids and

grandsons when they played,
and never missing a chance to watch the Steelers or the Cubs.
Above all else, Joan's family was her greatest love. She leaves behind Eric Paulson, her high school sweetheart and husband of 64 years, her son Craig (and Natalie) Paulson (Seneca, SC), her daughter Jessica Paulson (Chicago, IL), her grandchildren Codey (and Lindsey) Paulson (Southside, AL), Troy Paulson (Mobile, AL), Conner Paulson (Southside, AL), and great-grandson Corbyn Paulson, as well as many nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.
She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jessie Rausch, her brother, John (and Bertha) Rausch, and her sister, Jacqueline (and Don) Paulson, who welcomed her to the peace of heaven.
Instead of sending flowers, the family suggests sending donations to the Albion Area Lions Club or the Hamot Health Foundation Nursing Excellence Scholarship. A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.
Her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched will sincerely miss Joan's generosity, dedication, and loving spirit.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home
7158 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, AL 36695
(251) 380-6601

Memorial Service

APR **24.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Joann was a great friend and a fun person to be around. Whether it was playing in the pool with the kiddos or playing cards at the dining room table - she was the hostess with the mostest. She always made you feel comfortable in any situation. She was very kind to my family when I lost my sister and it meant the world to me. Will miss you and your smile.

Debby Rodriguez - April 22, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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“ Joanie was the kindest and best person ever plus the finest example of what a Christian should be. She adored her family, friends, neighbors, and nursing co-workers. The world has truly lost a special person.

Carol Walton - April 11, 2023 at 10:05 AM

DA

“ I worked with Joan for many years at USA Med Center. Great lady. I know she will be greatly missed. Donna Arnett

Donna Arnett - April 10, 2023 at 08:27 PM