



Joan Davis

September 13, 1923 - March 4, 2018

Joan Davis, 94, of Grand Island, passed Sunday March 4, 2018, at CHI – Health St. Francis Skilled Care.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, March 9th at St. Leo's Catholic Church at 10:30 AM. Father Charles L. Torpey and Father Donald Buhrman will be celebrants for the service. A visitation will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 8th at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Joan was born on September 13, 1923, in Nebraska City, Nebraska, to Frederic and Rose (Ramold) Witt. After graduating high school in Nebraska City, she continued her education at The University of Nebraska in Lincoln where she was a member of the Alpha Phi social sorority as well as the Pi Lambda Theta education fraternity. Joan went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education Counseling from Syracuse University.

On December 27, 1947, Joan was united in marriage to James Davis.

Blessed unto this union were two daughters, Gretchen (Davis) Eakes and Anndo Davis. The couple raised their family in Grand Island, where Joan taught at Grand Island Senior High. Joan volunteered and served on the boards of the American Red Cross, the Grand Island Public Library, and the Salvation Army. She was a Stuhr Museum docent and a mentor with Teammates.

Joan was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church where she served on the Human Resources Committee. She was an avid reader and founded the Friday Morning Book Club while also serving as a member of the Friday

Afternoon Book Club. She was a passionate bridge player and a member of several bridge clubs, as well as being a member at Riverside Golf Club, Saddle Club, and the Hall County Historical Society. In addition, she was a member of Chapter GP, P.E.O.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Anndo Davis, of San Francisco; son-in-law, Daniel Eakes of Grand Island; grandchildren, Benjamin (Melissa) Eakes, and Adam (Leslie) Eakes; and great grandchildren Catherine, Andrew, Davis, and Meg.

Those who will meet her in Heaven include her beloved husband, James Davis; daughter, Gretchen Eakes; brother, Frederic Witt; and sister, Mary Ellen Woodmansee.

Joan will be missed by many, and she will be remembered for her strong faith, inquisitive mind, generous spirit, and devotion to her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Public Library Foundation, Stuhr Museum, or St. Leo's scholarship fund.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Davis*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I was Joan mentee and I truly loved her I wish I could've been there for her and her family. I just wanted to reach out and say I LOVE YOU JOAN. from Kalah Taylor formally Kalah Wilson.*

Kalah Taylor - August 05, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *Joan...you are gone from our sight but you will never be forgotten in our hearts. You are an amazing lady and we were so lucky to have you in our lives.*
Ann and Ron Miller

Ann Miller - March 08, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ *What a wonderfully warm and gracious lady Joan was! We are also members of St. Leo's Catholic Church and Joan was always so friendly and thoughtful and welcoming and encouraging to us and our family. Always a smile, always a greeting and always in one of the front rows at church. Her faithfulness and dedication to her beloved church was apparent; as was her love of family & friends, books & education. We are blessed to be able to share some pew time with such a lady. We are sure that the angels are greeting her and taking her home! A gift in her memory will be given to St. Leo's Scholarship Fund.*
Steve & Cheri Schmidt

Cheri Schmidt - March 08, 2018 at 10:50 AM

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“ ALAN lit a candle in memory of Joan Davis



ALAN - March 07, 2018 at 12:01 PM

BJ

“ Many fond memories of this elegant lady. She was very insightful, wise and understanding. When my husband passed away she very graciously volunteered to stay at my house the day of his funeral taking care of things. That was 25 years ago March 25. Over the years in PEO, St. Leo's, OK Ladies I got to know her even better. When Joan spoke I listened and learned. Thank you Joan! Rest in Peace dear friend.

Becky Janda

Becky Janda - March 07, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ Anndo, Sending my love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. Come to see us when you get back home. We'll make you a splendid meal and you can share stories of your mother so we can know more about her. Take care...XXXOOO, Marie



Marie Laguna - March 06, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Davis.*



March 06, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *My name is Pat McMinamen/Kirschbaum. I was a senior in high school when your Mom first came here to teach. we all loved her so much she was always invited to all our class reunions for ever. I moved to Omaha 55 years ago and came back about 11 years ago , and there she was in my PEO chapter. What a gal!!!*

pat Kirschbaum - March 06, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ *Anndo. We have pleasant memories of the years we lived across the street from you on Gretchen. We had many chats standing at the mailbox, or over a cup of coffee. Sending our sympathy. Dee and Roselan Dunagan*

Roselan Dunagan - March 06, 2018 at 09:01 AM