



Mrs. Joan Eichler Richard

May 30, 1937 - November 23, 2015

Joan Eichler Richard, 78, of Salisbury passed away Monday, November 23, 2015.

Born May 30, 1937 in Cohoes, NY, she was the daughter of the late John Joseph Eichler and W. "Alice" Heenan Eichler.

Joan was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury including serving as a moderator of Presbyterian Women; a member of the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team; coordinator of the reprinting of the First Presbyterian Cookbook, a member of the "Blessing Bunch" and a volunteer with Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.

Additionally, Joan founded the Prayer Shawl Ministry in conjunction with Wednesday Connections to knit and provide prayer shawls for those who are ill and for baptisms. She also was very active in the community volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Symphony Guild of Rowan, Piedmont Players, United Way and the American Cancer Society.

Joan was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved spending time with her family, playing bridge and traveling with her Aunt Bernadette "Bee" Eichler.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, John Richard and wife Robin Richard of Granite Quarry; son, Jeffrey Richard of Salisbury; and daughter, Laura Schumacher and her husband David Schumacher of Davidson; siblings, Jean Smith of Tampa, FL, John Eichler and wife Elaine of Charlotte, Ann Lomas of Lakewood, WA and Carolyn Peeler and husband "Gordy" of Salisbury; grandchildren, John Schumacher, Ryan Richard, Sara Beth Richard and Jack Richard.

A memorial service will be conducted 2 PM – Saturday (December 5) at the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury with the Rev. Dr. Jim Dunkin and Rev. Dr. Randal V. Kirby officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service in Lewis Hall.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Women Prayer Shawl Ministry, 308 W. Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

CM

“*Joanie was my parents flower girl. I met her in Las Vegas, NV. She would be my second cousin. I loved her very much. I learn to get to know her. I called her my mom. I will miss her very much. I used to call he about 2 times a month, and we would talk and talk. So I read about this thing called penny's from heaven. So I know she is still here with me when I find dimes. In January of was coming home from Santa Clara, UT, and I stopped in this town called Primm, NV. So I went into this place call Whiskey Peaks. So I know Joanie, Aunt Bee and My Mom (Peggy Barron) were sitting on my shoulder. When to a machine in the back and with in 5 minutes I won 100 dollars. Cash out. Went to another machine won 90 dollars. Cash out. So decided to go. That was only 15 minutes. Never had done that. So I thought there was Joanie jingles right by my side. So Joanie keep it coming. Another thing happen to me was I played words with friends with her, she never finish. So after a while to games goes away. So I started a new game with her, just for fun. So the word that came up for me was done. She was telling me something. Well Joanie your were something special to me, and I will see you later. I will miss you and I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.*

Cheryl Miller (Santa Paula, California)

Cheryl Miller - January 19, 2016 at 10:38 AM

CF

“*Carolyn Ann and John Francis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Joan Eichler Richard.*



Carolyn Ann and John Francis - December 02, 2015 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ *Joan was such a very sweet Lady, I will always cherish the memories. Joan was like my second mother. John & Jeff were very close friends of mine, We would stop by the house after the Salisbury football game or just hanging out, and she always cared for me just like her own son. My prayers will be with the family. Rest in Peace Joan, Heaven is much brighter now that Joan has come home.*

Thank you Joan for being a part of my life.

John Buford

John Buford - November 29, 2015 at 07:10 PM

MA

“ *Meditrak - Rob, Jay and Alicea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Joan Eichler Richard.*



Meditrak - Rob, Jay and Alicea - November 25, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Eichler Richard.*



November 25, 2015 at 11:38 AM