



Jo Ann Edgecombe

November 14, 1947 - November 13, 2022

A Memorial Service for Jo will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva, Nebraska with Kim Dunker presiding.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date in the Geneva Public Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska.

To view the Livestream Video you can go to Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page or in your search engine type @friendlyfuneraldirectors and click the link to Farmer & Son or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/friendlyfuneraldirectors> and it should direct you to our Facebook Page.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Jo Ann Edgecombe was born November 14, 1947 at the Geneva Hospital to Warren 'Flunky' Lefever and Florence 'Flossie' Lefever. She passed away on November 13, 2022 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, NE at the age of 74 years old, one day shy of her 75th birthday.

Jo grew up on the Lefever family farm, four miles west of Geneva. Jo attended grade school and high school at Geneva Public Schools. Jo started dating John in their junior year of high school. Jo graduated with the class of 1965. She attended Kearney State College for two years before marrying John Edgecombe Jr. September 2, 1967. They eloped to South Dakota before moving to California for John's service in the Navy. John deployed overseas to Vietnam, and upon his return he was transferred to Virginia, before returning home to Geneva.

John and Jo welcomed two boys, James in 1971 and Michael in 1974. John and Jo were married for 55 years.

Jo worked at the Geneva Public Library and the Geneva High School as a librarian. She helped with production of the Nebraska Signal throughout the years. In 1994, John and Jo bought the Minden Courier, and she began driving to Minden for 10 years to help her son, James, with the production of the newspaper. In 2000, they bought the Hebron Journal Register where she began helping her son, Michael, with the production of that newspaper.

Jo had a love for genealogy, and after her mother passed, she took over tracing back the family history. Jo and John traveled to cemeteries and visited family members to help connect the history of the families.

Jo was involved with Chi Omega while at the college, traveled throughout the United States while John was serving with the National Newspaper Association, for over 50 years she was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, played for the bell choir for several years, was a member of the Fillmore County Democrats, and spent a lot of time traveling to watch her grandchildren in their many activities.

She made a great tour guide in Washington D.C. with each of the grandkids throughout the years. She loved playing games with her family including Mexican train dominos, pitch, spoons, and Scrabble. She created a family cookbook and loved cooking for friends and family.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents, Flunky and Flossie Lefever and father and mother-in-law John and Bette Edgecombe.

Jo is survived by her husband, John Edgecombe; sons, James and wife Michelle Edgecombe of Omaha , Michael and wife Abbe Edgecombe of Hickman; brother Ken and wife Sandra Lefever of Geneva; sister Beth Lefever of Hastings; grandchildren Lauren (Dylan TePoel) Edgecombe of Malmo, Grant (Cece Beahm) Edgecombe of Kearney, Shaun (Shanna Utecht) Edgecombe of Littleton, CO, and Ben Edgecombe of Kearney, Katie, Anna, Luke, and Riley Boonstra of Hickman; nephews, John Lefever of Lincoln, Nate and wife Chelsey Lefever of Geneva, Dan Lefever of Oakland, CA, Brent Hultine of Hastings, and niece Aimee and husband Jeff Schlegel of Lincoln; aunt Jean Vance of Pennsylvania; brother-in law Joe Edgecombe (Judy) of Panama City, FL; and sister-in-law Jan Edgecombe (Glen Capek) of Geneva; and great-nieces and nephews; cousins; and many friends.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Geneva, NE 68361
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Farmer & Son Funeral Home Facebook Livestream

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
906 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall



“ Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ann Edgecombe



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 18, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.



November 17, 2022 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.



November 17, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.



November 17, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ I have so many good memories riding in the back seat of John's car with Jo Ann and also Beth. Our families did so much together. Great memories. So sorry for your loss. Larry and Mary Larson

larry and mary larson - November 17, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ JO ANN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE I MET WHEN I MOVED TO GENEVA IN 1963 HER & LINDA NUNS CAME TO OUR HOUSE WHICH WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM LINDA HOUSE THEY WERE SO NICE & WE ALL BECAME FRIENDS WE WENT HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER SHE WAS ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND. JOHN & FAMILY I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU WITH LOVE NANCY SLOCUM WEBER

NANCY A WEBER - November 16, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 16, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 16, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *Joe and Rick. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



Joe and Rick. - November 16, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *John and Family,
So sorry to hear of Jo's passing. May your memories of her linger in your hearts forever.
God's Blessings as you navigate the days ahead without her.
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

Larry Eichelberger - November 16, 2022 at 11:35 AM

TB

“ John, Beth & JoAnn's entire family.....A beautiful soul gone too soon. Sharing in your loss and sending caring thoughts to you all.



TerryAnn Brandt - November 16, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.



November 15, 2022 at 06:08 PM

SS

“ Steve Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Jo Edgecombe



Steve & Barb Sadd - November 15, 2022 at 01:38 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pursley lit a candle in memory of Jo Edgecombe



Barbara Pursley - November 15, 2022 at 01:38 PM

LM

“ *Larry Teresa Moore lit a candle in memory of Jo Edgecombe*



Larry and Teresa Moore - November 15, 2022 at 01:35 PM

GP

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Jo Ann at Nebraska Press Conventions. Deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

Gerri Peterson - Hooker County Tribune Publisher

Gerri Peterson - November 15, 2022 at 10:47 AM

KW

“ *John and family: We were saddened to hear about Jo Ann's passing. It was always a pleasure to visit with her at NPA gatherings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Kent and Susan Warneke*

Kent Warneke - November 15, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 15, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 14, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 14, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *One of the joys of NNA has been getting to know someone as sweet, kind and always caring as Jo Ann. Her smile and good cheer helped make every community we visited just a bit more fun and enjoyable. Gosh, we were looking so forward to seeing her, with John, at the next Nebraska Press Convention! 😭 Blessings to all the family. 🙏*

Robert & Cheryl Williams - November 14, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Jo Edgecombe*



Lisa Dondlinger - November 14, 2022 at 09:15 PM

LU

“ John.....so glad I got to visit with both of you last week...we are so sorry. Jack and Linda Underwood



Linda Underwood - November 14, 2022 at 07:49 PM

KT

“ Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Jo Edgecombe



Kent & Rose Theobald - November 14, 2022 at 07:41 PM

BE

“ The world has lost a sweet soul far to early. She was kind and calm and astute and a pleasure to be around. We will miss her. Our love to John and his family. Betsy and Craig Elam

betsy elam - November 14, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.



November 14, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AB

“ *Jo Ann was a wonderful human being. Always kind, great smile and a super traveler. The Beermanns always enjoyed having Jo Ann with us on our trips and travels. Oh yes...she was a great publisher also...she always added value to the local paper. Her communities will miss her very much...she was a wonderful citizen....and first lady of the National Newspaper Association.*

Jo Ann...rest in Peace....you are now in a wonderful place...called Heaven.

The Beermanns Allen and Linda

Allen Beermann - November 14, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edgecombe.*



November 14, 2022 at 04:38 PM

PU

“ *Will never forget all the fun we had in Virginia! So sorry for your loss, such a wonderful person.*



pat urbauer - November 14, 2022 at 02:29 PM

MV

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with John & all the family, Jo leaves a legacy of acts of kindness, friendships, & happy memories. She touched so many lives.*

Our deepest sympathy.

Jim & Marlys Voth

Marlys Voth - November 14, 2022 at 01:57 PM