



## Joann M. Havel

February 9, 1951 - November 27, 2020

A Private Family Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Milligan, Nebraska with Father Brendan Kelly & Father Kenneth Borowiak presiding.

Private Family Praying of the Rosary was held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Milligan, Nebraska.

Organist, Judy Rada, accompanied Vocalist, Karen Filipi, performing "Here I Am Lord", "Be Not Afraid" and "Lord When You Came To The Seashore". Judy Rada played one instrumental song, "On Eagle's Wings".

Casket Bearers included Hayden Havel, Greg Michl, Keith Kreshel, Dallas Kime, Tyler Bartels and Ray Capek.

Honorary Casket Bearers were Zoey Havel, Chloe Havel, Kora Havel, Laney Havel and Mack Havel.

Public Graveside Services were conducted at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan, Nebraska following the funeral mass.

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

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Joann Mary Cecilia (Suda) Havel was born on February 9, 1951 to Helen and Anton Suda, and grew up on the family farm between Tobias and Milligan, Nebraska. She received her education in the Milligan Public School system, graduating in 1969. Joann received an Associate's Business Degree from the Lincoln School of Commerce and worked at the University of Nebraska, Department of Forestry.

On January 5, 1974 she married Sherman Ray Havel and they were blessed with four wonderful sons. Joann was not only a busy full-time mom, but also operated an in-home day care for several years. As the boys grew older Joann became more involved in the family farm operation. The harvest season was one of her favorite times on the farm as she enjoyed driving the grain truck so that Sherm could continue combining. As a farming partner Joann was also the chief bookkeeper for the farm operation. Joann also worked at the Weaver Pharmacy in Geneva as a Pharmacy Tech for 15 years.

Joann was a member of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church for her entire life. She taught religion class for over 20 years and was a member of the Altar Society. The Easter Season was special to her, as it was her task to make sure all the lilies were perfectly placed for the Easter Services. Her faith was very important to her and in the teaching of faith to her children. She was told by her children the greatest gift she gave them was their "faith". Also, her love for her six grand children was so very special and everlasting. Family, Faith and Friends were her top priorities. Joann continued touching many, many lives in her final days because of her unending smile, kindness, gentleness and generosity to all around her.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents Anton and Helen. Joann will be dearly missed by her family; husband Sherman, four sons Paul (Amy, children

Zoey, Hayden, Chloe), Dean, Jeff and Steve (Ashley, children Kora, Laney, Mack). Sisters Bonnie and Betty and brother James and families, along with many extended family and friends.

Joann began each day with her favorite bible verse:

"Begin Each Day With A Grateful Heart!"

# Cemetery Details

## Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Private Family Rosary

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
703 Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406

## Private Family Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
703 Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406



# Tribute Wall



“ *Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joann M. Havel*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - November 28, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DB

*I am so shocked & saddened. I had no idea that she was not well. We were roommates at Lincoln School of Commerce & in recent years, we always blocked the aisles for long periods of time (gabbing & catching up on our families) when we saw each other. It would always brighten my day when I'd see her at Mass in Geneva. We took many long walks to attend the 5 pm daily Mass when we lived at the dorm attending business college. We bolstered our faith during those times away from our families. May her love & faith continue through the lives of her precious family. I'm so sorry for this tremendous loss of a life well lived & loved. Deb Bixby*

**Deb Bixby** - November 28, 2020 at 06:14 PM

RC

*Joann was so loved by our family. We share so many wonderful memories with her family. She loved deeply and always thought about others even when she was ill. Such a blessing to have her as a friend. She was a woman of faith and a guide to us all. I will miss our long talks her beautiful smile & soul. She is with her Lord. Ray and Jan Capek*

**Ray & Jan Capek** - November 29, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 02, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Tobiann Waters lit a candle in memory of Joann M. Havel



Tobiann Waters - December 01, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.



November 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joann's passing, prayers and strength to the family during this time.

Luther & Hilary Roit - November 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM

LE

“ My deepest sympathy to Sherm and all of the family. My heart broke at the news of Joann's death. First I had no words, then only tears. Memories of the times Joann spent with my parents come flooding in. Good times, times, when after a visit with Joann the Poch family were filled with smiles and laughter and a sense of awe that some one with the light of God had been in their life. Joann brought much into this life, and will leave much for all those who have been touched by her. My prayers for comfort for the family. We all know we are better off for her having been in our life. Sincerely with love, Lorelei Edwards

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**Lorelei Edwards** - November 30, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.



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November 30, 2020 at 12:43 PM

NT

“ Nelnet Distribution Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joann M. Havel.



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**Nelnet Distribution Team** - November 30, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Joann M. Havel*



**Holly Rippe** - November 30, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Lynn Mussman lit a candle in memory of Joann M. Havel*



**Lynn Mussman** - November 30, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 29, 2020 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ *May her memory be a blessing.*

**Judy Cantrell** - November 29, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 29, 2020 at 11:53 AM

RS

“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Joann M. Havel*



**Rhonda Schlick** - November 29, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 29, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 29, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *Pat and John Hoffschneider, Larry and Mary Michl purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



**Pat and John Hoffschneider, Larry and Mary Michl -**  
November 28, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Joann meant so much to us...she taught our family the true meaning of faith in god...even during tough times...she was there for us in our greatest and darkest hours...will never forget her kindness..we loved her so much...we should all strive to be half the person she was...rest in peace our beloved sweet lady...love always...dean and laura kassik*



**dean and laura kassik -** November 28, 2020 at 09:00 PM



*Such a wonderful person. Heaven has gained another Angel. Because someone we love is in heaven, there is a little bit of heaven in our hearts. With deepest Sympathy ♡♡ Charlene Olson-Vice*

**Charlene Olson-Vice -** November 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

MC

*Although I did not have the pleasure of meeting Jo, her sister Betty is my best friend. So, through Betty I feel I knew Jo. Betty would speak to me of Jo's great faith and strength. I know Betty felt so blessed to have Jo as her sister. I also feel in my heart that we have another beautiful angel in Heaven where she has met her God.*

*Mary Jo Cholewa*

**Mary Jo Cholewa** - November 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DJ

“ *Doug & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joann M. Havel*



**Doug & Patty Johnson** - November 28, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann M. Havel.*



November 28, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JU

“ *Janine Uldrich sent a virtual gift in memory of Joann M. Havel*



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**Janine Uldrich** - November 28, 2020 at 03:17 PM

KG

“ *So sorry for your loss, you are in our prayers.*

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**Kathy and Tom Gillmore** - November 28, 2020 at 02:19 PM

VJ

“ *So sorry for the loss of this great lady!  
Thoughts and prayers!*



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**Virginia Johnson** - November 28, 2020 at 01:38 PM