



Joyce Marie Engel

July 19, 1963 - December 19, 2024

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Age 61, of Braidwood, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at her home. Born on July 19, 1963 in Chicago, IL to George L. and Julia P. (nee Mrowca) Engel. She worked during her younger years at her family's former restaurant, Unk's Chicken in Braidwood. In her spare time she enjoyed gardening, found a passion for crocheting and loved cooking. Joyce was the ultimate family caretaker making sure everyone was always taken care of and sacrificing everything to provide for her family. Her grandkids and her mother were always her first priority. She also loved taking care of all of the animals she came across from cats to coons, she didn't judge! She was a friend to everyone and never met a stranger. Family was everything to Joyce and she will be dearly missed.

Surviving are her mother, Julia "Nana" Engel of Braidwood; daughters, Jessica (John Rivett) Neese of Essex, IL, Jillian (Travis) Lynn of Coal City, IL and Jina (D.C. Vari) Barnes of Morris, IL; grandchildren, Madilyn Neese, Corbin Neese, Colten Lynn, Caylee Lynn, Hunter Vari, Conner Lynn, Greyson Rivett, Conrad Neese and Clark Lynn; sisters, Judy (Dr. Walter) James of Custer Park, IL and Janet (Todd) Kalbfleisch of Braidwood; brother, Karl (Linda) Engel of Braidwood; and many special children whose lives she's touched over the years including many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was "Aunt Joyce" to so many.

Preceding her in death was her father, George L. Engel; brother, Don Engel;

son-in-law, Steven Neese; and first husband, John Barnes.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Monday, December 23, 2024 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm with a Memorial Service at 5:00 pm. Deacon Greg Cummins will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the humane society or animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

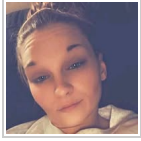
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ My heart breaks for this family, Joyce would always come into marathon with a smile on her face always talked about her mother and grandchildren always made sure to check in on me. You will be deeply missed such a sweet lady and amazing soul.

Nicole Sanderson - December 27, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing.💔
We are neighbors on Kennedy Road and also knew Joyce from school.
She was so sweet and such a hard worker and She LOVED her Family,
So much💕💕👍
Heartfelt Sympathy to All of the Family🙏

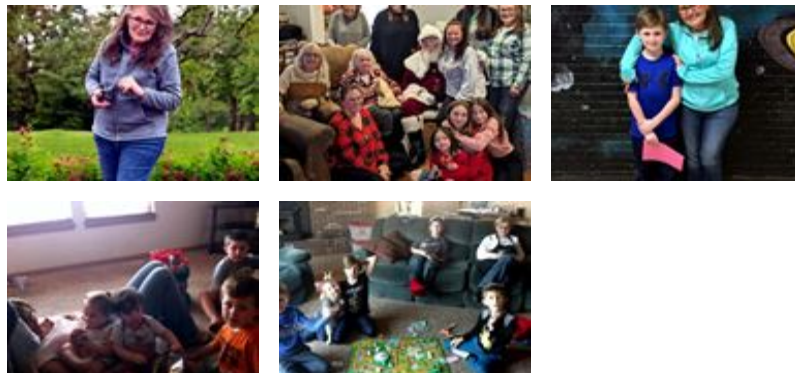


Linda Mandat(Parrish)

Linda - December 23, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - December 23, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“ I’m so sorry to hear that Joyce has passed away. My condolences to her family at this most difficult time. God’s blessings for you during the holidays and beyond as you struggle to find peace and comfort.

Tina - December 22, 2024 at 08:25 AM

TO

“ I will always remember her with having such a big and beautiful smile! Prayers for her family, may God wrap his arms around each and every one of you.

Tonie - December 21, 2024 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ Thoughts & Prayers to the entire family!

Dean Shepherd - December 21, 2024 at 08:24 AM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. We were neighbors on Eureka and adopted a kitten from one of the litters that Joyce had. She was such a lovely lady. So sorry to hear this. ☐

Kathleen French - December 20, 2024 at 10:18 PM