



Joan M. Riley Witmer Pontz

March 24, 2018

Joan M. Riley Witmer Pontz, 82, died on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at LutherCare. Born in Lancaster, PA, she was the daughter of the late Robert B. and Grace Ann Book Riley. She was married to the late Lawrence Sell Pontz who died in 1989.

Joan attended JP McCaskey High School and worked at Calvary Fellowship Homes as a Certified Nursing Assistant and retired in 1997. She was a part-time driver for the Manheim Auto Auction.

Joan enjoyed surf fishing, boating and spending time at the beach with her grandchildren, attending sporting events and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

She is survived by her children: Cynthia Witmer, wife of Albert Thatcher, Jr. of Quarryville, PA, Sandra Witmer Hohenwater, wife of Dwayne of New Holland, PA, Benjamin, Jr., husband of Sherri Minnick Witmer of Lititz, PA and David Gene Witmer of Lancaster, PA. In addition she is survived by, 11 grandchildren: Brittany, Melissa, Erica, Farrah, Benjamin, Joshua, Albert Zachery, Jeremiah, David Thomas and Justin, 25 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Charles "Buck" Riley of Lancaster, PA. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Daniel, 4 sisters and 7 brothers.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Joan's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA on Friday, March 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Caring Hospice, 101 Good Drive, 1st Floor, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan M. Riley Witmer Pontz*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 28, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *Joan M. Riley Witmer Pontz*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 30, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *So sorry for your lost. It was such a pleasure taking care of Joan. Thinking of the whole family- Love Ashley*

Ashley - March 28, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - March 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort to the family. I had a lot of fun being her neighbor. *Mary Zerbe*

Mary Zerbe - March 28, 2018 at 09:51 AM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you!! *Tara Killian*

tara killian - March 27, 2018 at 09:58 AM

 Vince Habel

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady and a joy to work with.

Vince Habel - March 27, 2018 at 04:55 AM