



Joy Esther Loft Stuckel

January 13, 1934 - September 22, 2023

Joy Esther Loft Stuckel, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 22, 2023, on her 66th anniversary of her marriage to Glen E. Stuckel. Her name fit her perfectly as she brought “Joy” to all she met. She had a beautiful smile that could light up a room.

Joy was born in Dayton, Indiana and was the eleventh of thirteen children born to Fred and Dorothea Loft. January 13th was a cold morning, and she was so small she was placed in a shoebox and sat on the stove to keep warm. She grew up on a farm and loved to tell stories of her upbringing.

Joy graduated from Dayton High School. During high school she enjoyed working on the weekends for the Ross Sanatorium in Lafayette. At the age of 18, Joy left Lafayette and migrated to St. Louis. There she became a doctor’s assistant and enjoyed caring for others. Throughout her life, Joy worked as a homemaker until she went to work as a realtor for Rainey Jones and Associates. Her primary responsibility was to sell the custom-built homes that her husband, Glen, built. While selling houses and taking care of her children, she was also the Secretary/Treasurer for Glen E. Stuckel Builder Inc. She held that position until recently.

As devout Christian, one of Joy’s greatest gifts was giving to others. She volunteered throughout her life and was very dedicated to serving the Lord at

Hurstbourne Christian Church, where she served as an Elder, co-led the Care Share ministry, taught Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School, as well as oversaw the Fellowship Committee. She was a true “Church Lady”.

Another one of Joy’s gifts was her unconditional love for her family. During Christmas of 1953, she met her love, Glen, and they married September 22, 1957. She was the best wife, the most loving mother, the most doting grandmother and great grandmother. “Nana” was the matriarch that kept her family together.

Besides her parents, Joy is preceded in death by her brothers, Ralph, Paul, Gerald, Donald, Delbert, and Jim Loft. Her sisters Elizabeth Carlson, Dorothy Brown, Mary Watts, Betty Clift and Miriam Dye; and her brother-in-law, Don Stuckel.

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Glen; her beloved children, Glen Stuckel, Jr. (Valerie), Rev. Kristina Stuckel, and Susan Robertson (Jim); her precious grandchildren, Joshua, Justin (Macey), Jeremy, Jared (Kristina), Braylon, Leland, Jonnae and Nevaeh; her sweet great grandbabies, Kortlyn, Brady, Layna, Lyvia, Xavier, Xander, Elijah, Kolsyn, Bentley, and Landon; her sister, Janet Anderson (Charles); sister-in-law Joyce Loft; sister-in-law, Anne Stuckel; many nieces and nephews, a multitude of friends including her beloved “Dollies” - Judy, Hazel, Bonnie, Barbara, and Susan.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Hurstbourne Christian Church on October 14, 2023, at 12:00pm with visitation from 10:00am to 12:00pm. A luncheon at the church will be held directly after the service. Owen Funeral Home - Jeffersontown entrusted with arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to Hurstbourne Christian Church or

Kosair for Kids.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurstbourne Christian Church
601 Nottingham Pkwy
Louisville, KY 40222

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joy Esther Loft Stuckel.



October 13, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joy Esther Loft Stuckel.



October 11, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Esther Loft Stuckel.

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Joy's death. Glen and all of your family, we are thinking of you at this sad time. Ann and Dick Crane

Ann Crane - September 27, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Joy. She was always so thoughtful and kind. She will truly be missed. Prayers go up for you and your family.
Brenda Pennell

Brenda Pennell - September 27, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joy Esther Loft Stuckel.



September 27, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joy Esther Loft Stuckel.



September 24, 2023 at 04:31 PM



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“ Hi Susan, I am so sorry about your mom passing. She was always so awesome to me and Jeff and all of us. She loved her family so very much and she always put you all first. She was my mom's best friend in Louisville and I remember her dropping us off at the pool and the mall when we were little. She always wanted to see us when we were in town. I hope you have some comfort in knowing that she loved you unconditionally. She truly was a gift to everyone. I love you Susan❤️ Jill

Jill McLean - September 24, 2023 at 04:24 PM



Of all my aunts and uncles, Aunt Joy was the one whose name I always got correct. Mostly because it did fit her so well. You always knew when she was in the room because of that wonderful laugh.

Mark Loft - September 24, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ Glen, I am so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. I always loved talking to her at Kosair events! She was the best! Thinking of you during this difficult time!

Vicky Weber - September 24, 2023 at 04:08 PM



Glen, so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. I always enjoyed being with her. She was a wonderful person, always full of joy and happiness.

Nancy Lambert - September 27 at 11:45 AM

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