



Joan Mai Habben

May 1, 1938 - March 13, 2018

Joan was born Joan Eileen Mai to Fred and Augusta (Weisgerber) Mai in Queens, New York. She grew up in Middle Village, (NY) surrounded by a loving family and was raised in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. As a child she and her father went to Dodger games at Ebbets Field, where she watched Jackie Robinson join the team in 1947. Throughout her life she was first a Brooklyn Dodger fan and then rooted for the New York Mets. Her father instilled a love of baseball and her husband a love of hockey, specifically for the Montreal Canadiens.

She graduated from Newtown High School (NY) in 1955, where she had learned typing skills (127 words per minute) that would serve her well in her future profession. She began employment with Mobil Oil in November of that same year, gradually advancing to the work in their Marine Department as an executive secretary. She served the company she loved for 17 years until her daughter, Kerri, was born in 1973. There were friendships forged in these years at Mobil that lasted all of their lives.

It was at Mobil that she met her husband, Eric L. Habben. Together they created a loving energy and truly compatible union that gave everyone around them joy, especially their daughter, Kerri.

Throughout their years together they traveled across the United States and in Eric's native Canada. Joan always loved geography and possessed a mind that could memorize a map, an inherent skill that made these journeys even more enjoyable.

Since 1978 Joan and her family made their home in Raleigh, North Carolina. Until their passings her parents and aunt and uncle lived across the street from her home, creating a family circle which was a true blessing.

Joan used her wonderful logic, deep devotion, and good memory all of her life, whether it was organizing a craft fair at Kerri's school, helping to care for ailing family members, or in maintaining a home and providing all that her family could want and more. She was a dedicated needleworker all of her life, including sewing, needlepoint, cross-stitch, and in these most recent years predominantly knitting and crocheting.

In addition to her husband, Eric, and her sister-in-law, Carmen M. Vincent, she is

predeceased by her parents, Fred and Augusta Mai, a great-uncle and aunt, Henry and Wilma Weisgerber, and many friends from all aspects of her life.

She is survived by her grateful daughter, Kerri Mai Habben; a nephew and his wife, Wayne and Donna Vincent; their children and grandchildren; a niece, Lynne Vincent, and her daughter, Lindy Vincent. In addition she leaves many dear friends who also brought her much joy.

Kerri wishes to thank all of the friends who truly were angels during Joan's brief illness with metastasized disease of the brain. Their unwavering devotion and loving care is further evidence of the love and grace that surrounds us. Their presence truly gave Joan and Kerri a precious peace during this life transition.

Joan was a person of great faith. She lived her love for God with an open heart every day of her life and leaves a treasured example of authenticity and integrity to all who knew and love her.

She will be missed tremendously and loved endlessly.

Cemetery

Pine Forest Memorial Gardens

770 Stadium Drive

Wake Forest, NC, 27587

Events

MAR **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Renaissance Funeral Home and Cremation
7615 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC, US, 27615

MAR **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Kerri I hope this reaches you. David and I just learned of your mother’s passing through Terry O’Neill.

Please keep in touch with us at porter4953@gmail.com

Much love and blessings

Linda and David Porter

Linda Porter - October 10, 2018 at 10:44 PM



“ A lovely and caring person who was always thinking of others. She touched so many people and will be missed. Rest gently Joan.

Lynn Birken Goldenberg - March 20, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Barb, Lolly, Phyllis, Patty, Nancy & Adrieanna purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joan Mai Habben.



Barb, Lolly, Phyllis, Patty, Nancy & Adrieanna - March 19, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ Arline F. Smith lit a candle in memory of Joan Mai Habben



Arline F. Smith - March 19, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ She was an amazing person and I will truly miss her. Hilda Campbell

hilda campbell - March 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ I remember Joan's smile and yarn shop conversations on yarn, crochet and life in general. Especially, while waiting for Kerri to finish a class. These times are missed. Kerri, through prayer and positive thoughts, I wish you and your family comfort in this life transition. Stay blessed, Pamela Thomas.



Pamela Thomas - March 19, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Pamela Thomas do you know how I can get ahold of kerri

Adam - March 04, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ Cindy Renna lit a candle in memory of Joan Mai Habben



Cindy Renna - March 19, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ Diana Hansen lit a candle in memory of Joan Mai Habben





“ I remember the day you and Kerri came over. I was not in a good place. I talked and you listened and I was in a better place because you listened. I will always remember that. I will miss you. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

CMP - March 18, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ Joan and I were best friends from the moment we met each other when we were quite young--like "two peas in a pod". We had so many special times together and I have such beautiful memories. I will miss my dear friend but I'm not saying goodbye just "until we meet again. Love you, Arline

Arline F. Smith - March 17, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ Kerri, sending loving prayer for strength and comfort to you my sweet friend. I admire the relationship you and your mom had and the commitment and love you gave to her right til the end, even though it was very physically challenging for you. You never let it slow you down and I admire you for that. It was such a joy to spend those days with you and Joan; some laughter and tears, but mostly to be present in the amazing love and bond you two shared. I know how much you will miss her. May the love of friends and all of your memories together keep your mom close and carry you through this new part of the journey. My Love and Sympathy- Michelle Raineri

michelle raineri - March 17, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Kerri, I am so sad to hear of Joan's passing. There are so many knitting memories of the two of you. Thank you for all that you did for me. I worry about you and hope you find comfort knowing that you did so much for your mother. Beth Mattson

Elizabeth Mattson - March 17, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ Joan will be ever present and ever loved! We are grateful for her recipes, words of encouragement, great conversations and listening (yes even in Walmart!). Your love and support in our lives will be forever remembered. Glen & Chris

Glen L - March 15, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ Oh we will never forget Joan and Kerri and of course Eric. We had some wonderful visits down at their home over the past years. Always loved being in their company always much to talk and laugh about. Joan will be missed and our prayers go out to Kerri and the family and many friends she had. God Bless, Ruth Ann & Philip from PA.

Ruth Ann & Philip Christ - March 15, 2018 at 10:14 PM