



Joan Ellen Fries

November 13, 1950 - April 2, 2025

Joan Ellen Fries of Haymarket, Virginia, passed away at her home on April 2, 2025. She was born in Pontiac, Illinois, on November 13, 1950, to the late John William Jobst and Barbara Jean Jobst (Husted). Joan graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and received both a bachelor's and master's degree from George Mason University. Joan spent her entire twenty-five-year career as an educator in the Manassas City School System, where she taught both kindergarten and second grade at Round Elementary School.

A major highlight in Joan's life came on July 10, 1994, when she married John Fries. Over their nearly thirty-one years of marriage, Joan and John cultivated a strong sense of love and family for their children Joanna Dunn (Carl), Jason Van Sant (Cristy), Lisa Ritter (Steve), and Vicki Wolfington (Adrian). Their love further extended to their grandchildren Alex, Parker, Graham, and Sophie as well as their great-grandchildren Connor and Noah.

Joan was most joyful in the kitchen of her log cabin on Bull Run Mountain, where she prepared incredible meals and treats. Her love for cooking and baking was enjoyed by everyone who walked through the door of her home or received a package of her prized cinnamon rolls during the Christmas season.

Aside from the family members listed above, Joan is also survived by her

brothers John W. Jobst II (Debbie) and Joseph E. Jobst (Vicki) along with several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Joan is also predeceased by her sister and best friend Margaret Jane Ailshie who passed away in July of 2024.

A service to celebrate Joan's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St. Manassas, Virginia 20110, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org.

The family expresses their deepest appreciation to Eliana Acevedo who provided incredible care, companionship, and love for Joan over the last two years of her life and quickly became a part of our family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Joan was known to my family and me by her nickname, "Spook" We lost contact for many years. John, Lil and I offer our deepest condolences and lifting you and family up in prayer, Dave and Lil Rowland*

Dave and Lil Rowland - July 04, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joan Ellen Fries.*



May 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Ellen Fries.*



May 01, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DA

“ Johnny,
Joan was a sweet person. We enjoyed seeing you both at an OHS reunion and reminiscing about the good old days in our small town. We're sorry for your precious loss.
Jason, I remember you from Haydon. So sorry to hear about your mom. She was a bright light to many.
Sending warm thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
Fondly,
Daisy and Rodney Reynolds

Daisy - April 28, 2025 at 08:51 AM

JF

“ I have so many fond memories of great visits with John & Joan..She was a wonderful lady & I feel privileged to have been part of her family. We had many good laughs over the years. She will be missed.

Jeannette Fries - April 15, 2025 at 10:50 AM

DB

“ We were so excited when your wonderful son,Jason, came into our lives and married Cristy. This gave us a chance to get to know and love you and your whole family. Joan you became a dear friend to us, a wonderful mother in-law to Cristy and a beautiful Omi to Sophie. We shall always cherish your memory and make your chicken pie..... but not attempt the sweet rolls.
Peace. love and hope. The Brownlee Family

Diane Brownlee - April 13, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BH

“ *Brenda K Heier lit a candle in memory of Joan Ellen Fries*



Brenda K Heier - April 09, 2025 at 09:35 PM