



JoAnne Carol Celmer

January 30, 1942 - February 6, 2017

JoAnne C. Celmer of Gainesville, VA went to be with her Lord on Monday February 6, 2017 at Inova Fairfax Hospital, following a long illness.

She was born January 30, 1942 in Meadville, PA to Lloyd R. Wagner and Frances A. Cullen. Mrs. Celmer is survived by her husband, Alphonse of Gainesville, VA, two sisters: Kathleen Wagner of Charlotte, NC and Marilyn Wagner of Escondido, CA, and two daughters: Wende Whitman of Charlottesville, VA and Halee Whitman of Springfield, VA and two step-daughters: Susan McClyde of Crofton, MD and Deborah Celmer of Rockville, MD. She is also survived by grandchildren: Seth Lee, William Hope, Maeve Hope, and Natalie Lee and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Celmer is preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Celmer attended Edinboro University in PA and received her B.S. in Technology and Management from the University of Maryland. Her first career of 25 years was with the Department of Defense – Army; she changed offices necessary to climb the career ladder, including two assignments at the Pentagon. For the most part, Mrs. Celmer served as an internal consultant to management, leading studies and performing in-house analyses. Her favorite assignment was being selected to work on Vice President Gore's federal cost-cutting team. Mrs. Celmer accumulated many accolades and awards during her career.

After Mrs. Celmer retired from her federal career, she worked for a local dentist and later as office manager for an ophthalmologist; she called these her “fun jobs.”

She always found time to travel; she visited Germany several times and especially loved Berlin. Mrs. Celmer was also happy spending long weekends exploring local areas and discovering new B&Bs. She also enjoyed theatre productions and art exhibits. Most of all Mrs. Celmer enjoyed spending time with family and the wonderful meals shared.

Mrs. Celmer was a member of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church and a participant in a women’s circle and an in-depth Bible study group. She was also a member of both the Lifelong Learning Institute of Manassas and the Heritage Hunt Women’s Organization.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Celmer will be held at the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 1:00 PM. Family will receive friends prior to the service at the church from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the MPN Research Foundation, 180 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1870, Chicago, IL 60601, www.mpnresearchfoundation.org or the Glaucoma research Foundation, 251 Post Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94108, www.glaucoma.org, or the charity of your choice. Another way to remember Mrs. Celmer is to give a friend a flower or some other act of kindness.

Cemetery Details

Greenwich Presbyterian Church Cemetery

15305 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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office@greenwichpres.org
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Tribute Wall

HO

“ *Deepest Sympathy to your family God's Word says, "He will swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces " Isa. 25:8.....*

Holland... - February 20, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 09, 2017 at 05:03 PM

JD

“ *JoAnn Terhak, The Powells and The Deams purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



JoAnn Terhak, The Powells and The Deams - February 09, 2017 at 03:59 PM

GC

“ *GREGORY & BARBARA CELMER purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



GREGORY & BARBARA CELMER - February 09, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.



February 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.



February 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Robin Templeton and Charlie Hall* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.



Robin Templeton and Charlie Hall - February 09, 2017 at 10:12 AM

PL

“ *The lady on the bus
The one with that warm twinkle in her eyes
That yard-sailing, white house touring lady
That lady who always listened
The one who loved special teas and mango with sticky rice
That logical, reliable, consistent, funny, kind lady...
My friend Joanne.
She will be greatly missed!*

Peg Lugo - February 09, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 08, 2017 at 11:54 PM

CN

“ *Cousins Ann and Nancy purchased the Fruits and
Blooms Basket for the family of JoAnne Carol
Celmer.*



Cousins Ann and Nancy - February 08, 2017 at 11:52 PM

EM

“ *Ethel PB Wynder, Sylvia B Johns, Rose B McClyde purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



Ethel PB Wynder, Sylvia B Johns, Rose B McClyde -
February 08, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 08, 2017 at 01:59 PM

JL

“ *What a shock! I'm so sorry or your loss dear family! I'm sorry to learn of her illness and suffering. I will miss cousin JoAnne even so we haven't seen her much In recent years, we kept in touch as best we could. I have many good memories of us growing up together. God be with you. - Joyce*

Joyce Lambert - February 08, 2017 at 12:52 PM

DM

“ *My condolences to JoAnne's family. We were colleagues at the Pentagon, and enjoyed many outings before and after she left. Always pleasant and looking forward to new adventures. I last saw her at her wedding and was so very happy for her. I will miss her dearly. Dale Shaw Mercadal*

Dale Shaw Mercadal - February 08, 2017 at 09:13 AM

WH

I remember you Dale! Thank you so much, I know she was very fond of you, too. XO

Wende Whitman Hope - February 08, 2017 at 06:14 PM



My Sister knew who she was the day she arrived...feminine and strong. Being so much older than myself she was more like a mystery: an elegant, self assured Queen..Miles and lifestyle separated us, but love always kept us close.The past 15 years brought us a newfound adult relationship. I better understood her vulnerabilities, a career driven involved, high achieving lady with a fragile child in the center. As she allowed me in to see and nurture, she was realizing the strength and value that her unruly Baby sister had to offer. Before she left us we had come together so beautifully in love.....I will cherish this to the end of my Days. Too soon is she gone....we had so much more to explore, to share, to laugh about. Our ongoing Joke was how Special she was [health issues, etc] and that.....she was....

Marilyn Wagner - February 15, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 07, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 07, 2017 at 07:52 PM

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Ann Harned - February 07, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JoAnne Carol Celmer.*



February 07, 2017 at 05:41 PM