



Joyce Annette Leonard

June 12, 1947 - July 12, 2014

Joyce Annette Dunn Leonard was born on June 12th, 1947 at Alexandria Hospital to Ezra Brown Dunn of Albemarle, Virginia and Annette Beaulieu of Fall River, Massachusetts. A lifelong resident of her beloved Virginia, Joyce grew up in Dumfries and graduated from Garfield High School in 1965. In 1967 Joyce married John W. Leonard, Jr of Beaver Falls, PA and in 1974 they made their home in Haymarket. She was employed by the Prince William County School Board for 34 years; she worked at the Administrative Building along with several lifelong friends, and retired as Executive Secretary to Director of Personnel. Joyce was also the first female President of Evergreen VFD and elected Associate Member of the Year in 1988. Joyce was an avid genealogical researcher and spent many years compiling extensive history of her lineage; she was proud to say that she was a 14th generation Virginian on her father's side. During her retirement, she spent most her free time 'playing' in her yard, doting on her grandchildren, and enjoyed two memorable trips, one to Alaska and one to Hawaii.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, John, and their three children Michelle Himel of Wasilla, Alaska, Jennifer Buchanan of Winchester, and Meghan Leonard of Fredericksburg as well as six beloved grandchildren: John Hunnings, Jacob Hunnings, and Lauren Hunnings of Wasilla, Alaska; Bethanie and Braeden Powers of Winchester; and Christopher Leonard of Fredericksburg; and two great-grandchildren, Brice Stoltze and Alyssa Hunnings of Wasilla, Alaska. She is survived also by two loving sisters and

one nephew, Dee Dunn Papa of Punta Gorda, Florida and Carole J. and Jonathan Dunn of Manassas. Joyce was preceded in death by her son, John William Leonard III, and her granddaughter, Breanna Nichole Powers.

Joyce passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones after a short battle with cancer.

The family will receive friends 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Thursday, July 17, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, Manassas where funeral services will be held 10:30 am Friday.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *CAROLE JEAN JO-NATHAN purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Joyce Annette Leonard.*



CAROLE JEAN JO-NATHAN - July 17, 2014 at 02:10 PM

CK

“ *I met Joyce when she went on leave to give birth to Meghan. I came in as a temporary employee to sub for her. When she returned, there was an opening in Personnel and she was instrumental in helping me get the job. We worked together for many years and she helped me in more ways than I can count. She will be missed by many. What a wonderful person! My condolences to her family.*

Cathy King

Cathy King - July 17, 2014 at 12:56 PM

WB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Leonard family. We are so sorry for your loss. Greg and Sue Buchanan*

Wanda Sue Buchanan - July 16, 2014 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Leonard.*



July 16, 2014 at 08:03 AM

JH

“Joyce and I went to high school together and remained friends. We would always catch up at the Gar-field 65 class reunions over the years.

Even though we didn't see each other often we always seemed to pick up Where we left off as if it was yesterday.

Sending my prayers and condolences to all of her family, who was her main topic of conversation, especially her children and grandchildren, she loved all of you very much.

Her years with the auxiliary was very important and had much pride with the position she held.

Rest in Peace, taken too soon,

Sincerely,

Joyce Dewhurst Hall, Billy J. Hall

Joyce Dewhurst Hall - July 15, 2014 at 11:35 PM



GR

“Joyce was a precious, sweet young lady. My condolences to her family and friends ...

Greta Raines - July 15, 2014 at 05:54 PM

MS

“ Joyce was always smiling and I can still hear her laughter. She was always willing to help me when I was the newcomer to Personnel. She was a wonderful coworker and a true "mama bear" for her daughters (in the very best sense of the word). My condolences to Jack and his family.
Millie sokol

Millie Sokol - July 15, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DH

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to her many friends and family. She will be missed by everyone.

Diana Kaufman Hollett - July 15, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Leonard.



July 15, 2014 at 01:55 PM

RD

“ I remember Joyce very fondly from high school. She was always so nice to everyone, a friend to all. While I have not seen her since 1965, I'm sure she was the same in her adult life. My sincere sympathy to her family and all her many friends.

Robbie Tucker Davis - July 15, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PM

“ To the Leonard family, - Joyce was such a special person. No matter what was going on, she was always the same - met everyone with a smile and a kind word. I am so sorry for your loss. She made my time at PWCS better. Please accept my condolences.

Penny Myles

Penny Myles - July 15, 2014 at 10:02 AM

CG

“ Offering my deepest condolences. May the Leonard family and friends find comfort in the Bible's assurance that “the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out . . .” (John 5:28, 29) May your memories of Joyce continue to provide you a measure of comfort during this time. For further comfort about what the Bible promises regarding the hope for the dead, kindly visit www.jw.org”.

CG, New Jersey

CG - July 15, 2014 at 08:47 AM

SG

“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss and I know that this is a most difficult time for you. God promises us in His word the Bible, that one day He will put an end to this. Revelation 21:4.

sheila gordon - July 15, 2014 at 06:13 AM

SG

“ *Sheila Gordon lit a candle in memory of Joyce Annette Leonard*



sheila gordon - July 15, 2014 at 06:09 AM

DV

“ *Peace be with the family during this time of sorrow and transition. Our prayer is for peace and comfort. Joyce will be greatly missed.*

Daniel and Rose Lam, Nokesville, Va. - July 15, 2014 at 05:07 AM

KE

“ *Evergreen Volunteer Fire & Rescue will always be indebted to Joyce for role in the success of the station. Rest in peace, we will take it from here -*

Kerrie - July 14, 2014 at 11:04 PM

BP

“ *Jen-our sincere condolences to you and your family. Prayers that God gives you strength.*

Belinda, Billy and Sarah Poston - July 14, 2014 at 10:23 PM

VC

“ I'm sorry for your loss my prayers for your family.I will always have my memories for Joyce. I met Joyce 22 years ago. I was a temp and Joyce was Dr. Davis exec secretary. I said Joyce I don't know job no instructions her word to me darling whatever you need I will help you don't worry. I was always referred to as darling. I never forgot her kindness and she never changed. I love you always Joyce

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Virginia Castillo - July 14, 2014 at 10:14 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Joyce Annette Leonard.



July 14, 2014 at 05:05 PM

JB

“ ++*To the Family of Joyce Leonard*

My experience in the Prince William County School system was much richer because of Joyce Leonard. From the time that I arrived until the day that I retired, Joyce was an outstanding colleague and friend. Her efficiency and professional attitude served as a model for the other employees. WE are grateful for her life and contributions to the school system and the community.

Jeff Bloomer.

Jeff Bloomer - July 14, 2014 at 04:52 PM

ML

Jeff,

Thank you so much for your kind words about my mom, we truly appreciate the sentiments.

Meghan Leonard

Meghan Leonard - July 14, 2014 at 09:20 PM