



## JoAnn Knaup

June 4, 1930 - February 17, 2018

JoAnn Knaup, 87, of Frontenac, KS, was called by the Lord on February 17, 2018 to be with her husband, daughter, twin sister, brother and parents.

JoAnn was born June 4, 1930 in Frontenac to Joseph and Nellie Brock. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School and graduated in 1948 from Frontenac High School. JoAnn then attended Mt. Carmel Nursing School and graduated in 1951 as a Registered Nurse.

JoAnn married Raymond Knaup on July 3, 1951. She worked for Mt. Carmel hospital until 1965 when she and Raymond purchased a 12-bed nursing home for men in Pittsburg. Two years later, they built a new 50-bed home in Frontenac and named it Sunset Manor. Through years of dedication and compassion for the elderly, the business grew and was awarded the top nursing facility in the area several times over. JoAnn had a philosophy to treat every resident like family and to create a homelike atmosphere. Sunset Manor eventually grew to a capacity of 150 beds and was one of the largest employers in Frontenac with a staff of 145. Throughout the years JoAnn also encouraged and mentored many young people to pursue careers in nursing.

In 2007, JoAnn was honored with the Marty Hegarty Distinguished Citizen- Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Kansas Health Care Association, recognizing her many years of dedication to the elderly. She was selected as a member of the Frontenac Outstanding Alumni and was honored during the Frontenac Homecoming. JoAnn helped start the Frontenac Meals on Wheels program by having the meals prepared at Sunset Manor. This program started 45 years ago and is going strong today thanks to the many volunteers.

JoAnn always had time for her family and loved to follow her son's and grandchildren's athletic and school events. JoAnn and Raymond had a variety of interests, including being avid antique car collectors and they enjoyed attending car auctions around the country. They also owned and operated the Cedar Falls Lodge and the Boulevard Cafe in Branson, MO. JoAnn also loved her pets and was always in the company of her two Chihuahuas, Buddy and Sugar.

JoAnn is survived by three sons, Mike Knaup of Frontenac, Dan Knaup and wife Nikki of Pittsburg, and Kevin Knaup and wife Kristie of Frontenac. JoAnn is also survived by

grandchildren Kayla Crowell and husband Ryan of Corpus Christi, TX; Ryan Knaup and wife Jennifer of Bella Vista, AR; Russell Knaup of Pittsburg; Anson Knaup and wife Brenna of Broken Arrow, OK; Brett Knaup of Pittsburg; Shara Knaup and partner Zack of Pittsburg; Laura Clothier of Columbia, MO; Charlie Clothier of Pittsburg; Lindsey Greve of Pittsburg; Kris Knaup, US Air Force; Matt Sayre of Denver, CO; Shannon Frodsham and husband Jim of Vancouver, WA. JoAnn is also survived by ten great-grandchildren; Gabe Knaup, Landon Knaup, Conor Knaup, Finley Knaup, Max Crowell, Zarah Wood, Ace Wood, Peyton Knaup, Gabriella Frodsham and unborn great-grandson Frodsham.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; daughter Mary Kristine; twin sister Donna Gintner and brother, Kenneth Brock.

JoAnn was a wonderfully caring person and gave to others her entire life. She loved the residents that she cared for, her co-workers, her many friends, and she deeply loved her family. She lived life to its fullest and enjoyed every minute she was given, even during the last few years of her life when her health was failing. She was always on the go, either shopping, out for ice cream or traveling to Branson. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all who were touched by her in some way.

The Rosary will be recited Friday at 6:00 pm at Friskel Funeral Home in Frontenac. The family will receive friends immediately following the rosary. Funeral mass will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Frontenac. Memorials are suggested to Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund or Southeast Kansas Humane Society.

Services are under the direction of the Friskel Funeral Home of Frontenac.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Friskel Funeral Home

230 E. McKay PO Box 907, Frontenac, KS, US, 66763

**FEB**   **Service**                      10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

100 S. Cherokee, Frontenac, KS, US, 66763

# Comments

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“ Words can not express the love and respect that I had for this wonderful lady, my friend, JoAnn. She put a smile on my face everyday! I will never find a truer friend. With heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Knaup Family! I miss her too!

**Brandy Chambers** - February 23, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Thank you Brandy, she enjoyed your company and going places with you.  
Mike Knaup

**Mike Knaup** - March 12, 2018 at 11:21 AM

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“ JoAnn was such an amazing women, she definitely knew how to make you smile. Very caring. She will definitely be missed. Prayers going out to family member's. I loved working for sunset manor and the knaup family. Very sorry to hear for your loss.

Rest in peace and fly high JoAnn!

**Ashley Bruce** - February 22, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ Thank you Ashley. You and Mom made Sunset what it was.  
Mike Knaup

**Mike Knaup** - March 12, 2018 at 11:23 AM

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“ JoAnn had a contagious smile and a wonderful outlook on life she was an inspiration to anybody that walk through the doors and was part of the family at Sunset Manor she was Sunset Manor a place where everybody wanting to put their parents because they knew Joanne would be there to take care of them and oversee that they were taken care of she is deeply missed thank you for sharing your mom your grandmother your great-grandmother with all of us here in the community my deepest condolences to the family

**Debbie Montemurro** - February 22, 2018 at 12:07 AM

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“ JoAnn was a very sweet person that took excellent care of my grandmother Alberta Loyd!!! Prayers for the Knaup family.

**Walter Adams** - February 21, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ Thank you Walter. Alberta was a great lady, I have memories of her when I was young and running around Frontenac.

Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:27 PM

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“ She will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing her. From the very first day I met her at Sunset, she always made me feel like I was a member of the family. I will miss her beautiful smile. My condolences to her family.

**Tammy Sahr** - February 21, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Thank you Tammy. You were a member of the family and always will be. She makes me smile just looking at her picture.

Mike K.

Take care of that kitchen. The food was great while she was there.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:29 PM

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“ Always smiling when I walked through Sunset Manor. She was a beautiful lady and loved what she did very proud of Sunset Manor. I loved working there and I really miss it. My heart breaks to hear this. Sorry for your loss Dan, Mike and Kevin.

**Dorothy Chase** - February 21, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ Thank you Dorothy. She loved being there and caring for her family. I'm sure she considered you a part of the Sunset family and you always will be.

Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:31 PM

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“ One of the most professional and dedicated person I have had the pleasure of working for. JoAnn was a true inspiration. Heaven has a new angel. My condolences And heartfelt sympathies to her family that she dearly loved.

**Darelyn Bearden** - February 21, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ Thank you Darelyn. She had confidence in you and your care. You will always be a part of the Sunset family. I do believe another Angel went up last Saturday.

Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:33 PM

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“ Mike Kevin and Dan you have my condolences and my prayers  
I thought the world of your mother and your dad  
I loved the both of them  
They were a great inspiration to my life  
Heaven has gained by our loss  
May the Lord bless all your family

**Kenny Vaughn** - February 21, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ Thank you cousin Kenny. She and Dad thought a lot of all the Vaughn family.

Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:35 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear this. I compare every nursing home to sunset and still not one can come close. Joann made me the aide that I am today and i still carry a no nonsense and resident first attitude. You had to earn her respect and that was not easy. She and the entire Knaup family were always so very good to me and my children. God has received one of his finest angels back home. I am so sorry. Joann Knaup and Sunset Manor were the best people and facility I have ever had the pleasure if working in

**Amy Russell** - February 21, 2018 at 07:40 AM



“ Thank you Amy. Your attitude and beliefs is why she thought so highly of you. She did earn the respect of staff and family by her caring.

Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:37 PM

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“ Deepest condolences & sympathies for the families & friends. In our heart, thoughts & prayers. Wonderful woman with always a smile, twinkle in her eyes & story. We will miss her dearly. Always made every one feel loved & family.



Mary Kline - February 21, 2018 at 07:27 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnn Knaup.



February 21, 2018 at 03:08 AM

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“ My heart is breaking for you all right now. I felt like I was part of the family. I had known her since I was 10 years old when my mom started working at sunset. I will always remember that beautiful smile she had. I always enjoyed visiting with her when I was still working at sunset. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Love to you all.

Trista McCormack - February 20, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ Thank you Trista. You were and always will be a part of our family and the Sunset family. You always had a smile on your face.

Mike K.

mike knaup - February 21, 2018 at 10:40 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I bet her and my Mom are chatting away. Mary  
Margaret Fogliasso Marrello

Mary Marrello - February 20, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ Thank you Mary: I'm sure they are talking of when they were kids and eating Rigatonis.  
mike knaup - February 21, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ Another angel has arrived in heaven. What a beautiful lady! JoAnn was a blessings  
to me and many others and she will be missed! My heartfelt sympathy to the entire  
Knaup family.

Marie McIntyre - February 20, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ Marie:  
Thank you very much. I'm sure she is surrounded by friends.  
Mike K.  
Mike Knaup - February 20, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ Mike, Kevin, Dan. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a very dear lady.  
She will be missed by many. Our Lord has a special place for her in heaven. Brenda  
Arbuckle-swearingen

Brenda Swearingen - February 20, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ Brenda:  
Thank you. Many of her family was waiting on her.  
Mike K.  
Mike Knaup - February 20, 2018 at 10:50 PM



“ I was blessed to have gotten to know JoAnn and the family when I worked for the newspaper and helped them with their advertising. I was at Sunset Manor frequently and saw the loving care the residents enjoyed. It was truly obvious that the Knaups first interest was for their residents. Never did I walk down the hall with JoAnn or any of the family when they failed to acknowledge a resident or offer kind word. JoAnn surrounded her "Sunset Manor family" with beauty and the home was decorated in lovely and homey personal touches. This included pictures of the residents as they enjoyed the special events ie: Family Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving etc. JoAnn believed that even though her guests were no longer able to be in their own homes, they should not be denied a family setting with lots of love. She and our beloved Betty Kapler kept everyone busy with fun events, entertainment and crafts. Walking into the lobby, music and laughter could be often heard. Dinner time they did their best to make the diets required by their guests interesting and tasty. The entire family took their responsibility to their guests very seriously. She was a wonderful woman and she and Ray had a wonderful family. She was so special and I will always remember her for her kind heart and love for the guests she felt blessed to care for.

**Karen VanLeeuwen** - February 20, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Karen

Thank you. It was a good time to be at Sunset. She and Dad really loved what they did and didn't consider it a job. It truly was a family atmosphere.

Mike K.

**Mike Knaup** - February 20, 2018 at 10:51 PM

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“ What a caring and beautiful lady! So sorry for her family and Frontenac.

**Joyce Mishmash** - February 20, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ Joyce:  
Thank you. Everyone was a part of her family and that is how she ran Sunset.  
Mike K

**Mike Knaup** - February 20, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ She was such a wonderful person, with a great family sorry for your loss. Roger & Phyllis  
Hipfl

**Phyllis Hipfl** - February 21, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Thank you Roger and Phyllis: Sunset could not have had two better neighbors and friends.  
If you still lived near I'd come over for cookies and milk like our gentleman used to do.  
Mike K.

**mike knaup** - February 21, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Knaup family! JoAnn was the sweetest person and  
just know she will be smiling down on you.

**Patty Knoll Poticha** - February 22, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ She was such a sweet lady. Prayers for everyone during this sad time.

**Geri Krumsick** - February 22, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ I have never seen nor ever will see a nursing home like Sunset Manor. Such a beautiful  
and loving atmosphere. Never be another. JoAnn you created something that will never be  
matched. Thank you.

**Vickie** - February 23, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ I have not seen JoANN in many years but she truly was a wonder lady. My condolences to  
the family.

**Della** - March 01, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ Thank you Della. She never lost her sense of caring for other or her sense of humor. She  
lived every day to its fullest.

Mike Knaup

**Mike Knaup** - March 12, 2018 at 11:28 AM