



Joyce Franzen

May 22, 1941 - March 6, 2025

Joyce Ann Franzen (Williams), known as Joycee, Mom, Grammy, Gigi, age 83 of Higginsville, Missouri went peacefully to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Riverbend Heights Health & Rehabilitation in Lexington, Missouri. Although heartbroken, we are at peace knowing she is with her Savior.

She was born as a twin with her sister, Judy Porch on Thursday, May 22, 1941 in Gordon, NE to the late Fred Williams and the late Josephine (Petrik) Williams. Joyce attended high school in Martin, SD and graduated from her class as Valedictorian. She started her career in Omaha, NE and went on to become the Executive Secretary for the Vice President of the Treasury of AT&T. She married Bill Franzen and they had a beautiful life together with her daughter, Darcy and Bill's daughters, LeeAnn and Laura.

Bill accepted a transfer to New York and they moved to New Jersey. Bill passed away at the age of 45. Joyce stayed in NJ and retired after 32 years. She enjoyed her church and singing in the choir, sewing, crocheting, knitting, painting beautiful pictures and loved her NY Yankees. She was an avid golfer and bowler as well.

Joyce had a wonderful companion for the last 30 years in NJ - Bob (Oh Bob) Frederick. She moved to Higginsville, MO at 80 years old to be with her family. She is survived by her daughter, Darcy (Robert) Aversman of Higginsville; two step-daughters, LeeAnn (Mike) Kraft, Laura (John) Mullen; three grandchildren, Brandon (Rebecca) Baxter of Odessa, MO, Ashley (Cody)

Narron of Higginsville, Blayne Baxter (Brody Ruprecht) of Columbia, MO; four great-grandchildren, twins Baylor and Brylee Baxter, Brody and Rowdy Narron.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; two sisters, Iris McQue and Judy Porch.

Memorial services with interment will be held in Martin, SD in the spring.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Darcy--my condolences to you and your family on the loss of Joyce. She was a great woman and long time friend. We worked together at A T&T and she was a very special Executive Secretary for me--sincerely, Larry Prendergast

Larry Prendergast - May 22, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ Darcy you and your family have my deepest sympathy and prayers at this trying time. Joyce was my cousin (her dad was my mom's brother) and I spent many many hours with both her and Judy as we grew up. She will be missed by many. Linda Hedglin Siedschlag

Linda Hedglin Siedschlag - March 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JW

Darcy and everyone, you have my deepest sympathy. We were double cousins and best friends in our younger days and spent much time together. I will miss her. I enjoyed listening to her stories. She was so proud of you all, ❤️ cousin Janice Whittle

janice whittle - March 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM

PC

Hey Darcy and Bob, you guys were truly amazing yo do all you did! It will be hard to get use to her not being there or calling you 10 times an hour!. She was always a card and I am so glad we reconnected AND that you and I shared a very special time . She was so much fun and we will always remember that! We will miss her but I have to believe it was her time and she OK and hopefully enjoying it all!

Peggy whiting a cousin - March 09, 2025 at 10:22 PM