



Jo Ellen (Spann) Donaghy

September 25, 1944 - April 3, 2011

Jo Ellen (Spann) Donaghy, 66, of Decatur and formerly of Bluffton, passed away at 11:27 p.m., Sunday, April 3, 2011 at her home. She was surrounded by her family when she passed away. Born on September 25, 1944 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Walter Henry and Florence Amelia (Scott) Halt, they preceded her in death. Jo married J. Alan Spann in Liberty Mills, Indiana in 1965; he preceded her in death on March 16, 2003. She married Larry L. Donaghy in Decatur, Indiana on February 19, 2006; he survives. A 1962 graduate of Larwill High School; Jo was trained as a beautician at the Warner Beauty College in Fort Wayne and worked as a Hairdresser for twenty years. Jo owned and operated the Party Gallery in Bluffton from 1994 to 2007. Her career also included working at WNUY Radio Station, J & R Products, Adams Memorial Hospital, and as Service Secretary at Hiday Motors. Jo was a member of Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren and a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Bluffton. She also enjoyed bowling for many years. Other survivors include two daughters, Carla Baumgartner (Tim) of Bluffton and Sara Weir (T.J.) of Fort Wayne; two step-sons, Mark Donaghy (Tracy) of Decatur and Matt Donaghy (Nicole) of Columbia, South Carolina; one step-daughter, Mary Ann Zeigler (Al) of Kenesaw, Georgia, two sisters, Nancy Tooker (Merle) of Shipshewana and Sally Moore of Fort Worth, Texas, one brother John Halt (Andrea) of Columbia City, Indiana, ten grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was also preceded in death by a twin sister Su Ellen Platter in 2001. Calling hours are 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich,

Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Calling will also be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Friday at the church. A service celebrating Jo's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren with Pastor Jay Carter officiating. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren Building Fund. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

APR 8. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery - Warren
2100 E 1000 S
Warren, IN

Service

APR 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ellen (Spann) Donaghy*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jo Ellen (Spann) Donaghy*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Larry and Family,*

We were sorry to read about Jo Ellen's death. May God be with you at this sad time. Marilyn and Alvin##imported-begin##Marilyn and Alvin Hutchins##imported-end##

April 14, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sara, We were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. We know how difficult this time is, know that we are keeping you, your family, and your Mother in our prayers. God's Blessing be with all of you. Kim and Gary Scott##imported-begin##Kim and Gary Scott##imported-end##*

April 11, 2011 at 05:08 PM



“ Carla, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I didn't know her, but she had to be special to raise a wonderful daughter like you. May all the cherished memories comfort your heart in the days and months to come. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pat Archbold##imported-end##

April 08, 2011 at 12:42 PM



“ Sincere condolences to JoEllen's family. Her wonderful laugh and caring ways will truly be missed.

The Halt cousins - Kay, Larry,Linda
& Aunt Loreta##imported-begin##Linda Halt Castor##imported-end##

April 08, 2011 at 07:30 AM



“ Sara - Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless.

Jen and Doug White##imported-begin##Jen White##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 04:02 PM



“ Larry, our hearts go out to your family at this time of loss.Remember Jo always had a beautiful smile when she came into Mc Donalds in the morning.She was a living inspirituation to all of us .I wish I knew her better.You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Myron and Linda Hamrick##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 11:55 AM



“ To Matt and Family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. My family and I, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I wrote this poem I hope will help give you and your family some comfort;

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
In our hearts, our minds, and soul,
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.##imported-begin##Bruce & Christy Robertson##imported-end##*

April 07, 2011 at 09:55 AM



“ Larry & Family:
Please accept our condolences at the loss of your wife, mother and step-mother. We will keep you in our prayers.
Max & Sandy Robison##imported-begin##Max & Sandy Robison##imported-end##

April 06, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Because of Jo, we've laughed a little harder, smiled a lot for no special reason & felt the warm embrace of a good and lasting friendship . . .
Because of Jo, our world is a much happier & nicer place. Thanks for so many years of special memories -- Bo & Rosalyn##imported-begin##The Neuenschwandlers##imported-end##

April 06, 2011 at 07:36 AM



“ *Carla & Sara your Mother was a wonderful lady, and will be missed. Our thoughts are with you and your families during these times....*

Brian, Mary Fran & Madeline Falk###imported-begin###Brian, Mary Fran & Madeline Falk###imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 11:06 PM



“ *Carla and Sara*
We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you in this difficult time. God Bless###imported-begin###Jeff and Lori Thiele and family###imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 07:43 PM



“ *Carla and Sara*
We were so sorry to hear about your mom. You have our deepest sympathy###imported-begin###Joan and Larry Eichler###imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ *Dear Larry and Family,*
We were quite saddened to hear of Jo's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of grieving. Be assured of continued prayers in the days ahead. Randy and Carolyn###imported-begin###Randy and Carolyn Fudge###imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ Matt,

My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your step-mother. rd##imported-begin##Rolf Dolder##imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 04:10 PM



“ Sara,

I enjoyed reading about your Mom and all that she had accomplished in her life. I had no idea! I did know she made great gravy !! She looks beautiful in her picture. Cling to each other and share your memories and smile and laugh together. For sure she will be smiling with you... love you and take good care of each other##imported-begin##Maryann & Arty##imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 01:36 PM



“ To Jo Ellen's family: We are in Florida and regret not being able to show our love and respect for Jo Ellen in person. We were quite close friends in our younger years. I was in Jay and Jo's wedding and Jay was a part of my wedding to Janet. Family activities caused us to drift apart over the years. Jo was a delight to visit with and will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to her loving family.##imported-begin##Jim & Connie Rosen##imported-end##

April 05, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ Carla & Sara, We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a sweet, funny and outgoing woman. She will be missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers and you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Mike & Sharice Bowen##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 08:48 PM



“ Larry & family~We are sending our condolences to you. No longer than I knew Jo, she just made her way into my heart. Psalms: 23##imported-begin##Richard & Marlene Zeigler(Mary Ann's in-laws)##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ Carla and Sarah,

So sorry to hear about your loss. I am praying for strength to help you through the difficult journey you are about to embark on. Take care and I will be thinking about you.

God Bless

Rhonda and Tracy##imported-begin##Rhonda (Williams)
Planck##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ *Matt and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Libby Thomasson##imported-begin##*Libby Thomasson*##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ *To the family,
I am deeply saddened by Mrs. Donaghy's passing. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all in this time of mourning.*

God Bless and Keep you all...

Michael##imported-begin##*Michael Green*##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ *My deepest condolence to the family. I have always treasured the beauty that Jo carried in her heart. Now she is sharing that beautiful inner beauty with all the angels at the promise land.*

Thank you Jo for being my friend! Love you dearly,

Barb King##imported-begin##*Barbara King*##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 01:22 PM