



Eva Joan Nix

December 13, 1935 - February 12, 2024

Eva Joan Nix, whose warmth and kindness touched so many, peacefully departed this world on February 12, 2024 at age 88 in the company of her family, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories with family and friends.

Born on December 13, 1935 to the late Orville V. and Marie A. Gilbert in Newton, Iowa, Eva's family farmed, ran a dairy and grocery, and managed Gilbert's Café and Confectionary in Keokuk, Iowa. Eva, who was known as "Joan", married William Robert (Bob) Nix on November 25, 1955. Joan and Bob started their married life in College Station, Texas, while Bob completed his Engineering Degree at Texas A&M. The couple welcomed daughter Linda Joan while in College Station, then moved to Anne Arundel County, Maryland where they welcomed son, William Robert (Bill) Nix, Jr. Joan and Bob raised their family in Linthicum, Maryland, where Joan regularly volunteered at their children's school, avidly researched the family's genealogy, enjoyed bowling, camping, tennis, horseshows and worked as front desk manager at Colony 7 Inn, Ft. Meade. Later, Joan and Bob built a home on Maryland's eastern shore, where Joan enjoyed golfing, regularly volunteered for hospice, continued genealogical research, and devoted time to correspondences with family and friends near and far. Joan enjoyed time spent with family, hosting Christmas gatherings, travelling and special time with grandchildren. After

retirement, Joan and Bob moved to Greencastle, Pennsylvania, returning to Maryland 1 ½ years before her death. Joan was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, daughter Linda Joan Willson of Harwood, Maryland and son, William Robert Nix, Jr., of Severna Park, Maryland, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

The Nix family would like to thank the kind and loving caregivers at Hospice of the Chesapeake for the comfort provided to Joan in her final days. Letters and cards of condolence may be sent to Bob Nix, Brightview Senior Living, 469 Jumpers Hole Road, unit 3017, Severna Park, Maryland 21146.

Tribute Wall

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“ My Aunt Joan was the only sibling of my fathers that I ever met. She would write at Christmas and give me an update of her family. Her birthday is shared with my sister Vickie as my birthday is shared with one of her brothers. I had just asked Donna if she had heard from her lately when just a couple days later I heard the news of her passing. May you rest in peace Aunt Joan.

Deb Matulka - March 05, 2024 at 04:45 PM

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“ When dad passed away in 2012, Aunt Jo sent a card & letter recalling memories of earlier years when she would visit her older sister and brother-in-law (Grace & Jack).\nShe and Uncle Bob visited Grace & Jack numerous times over the years and made the long drive back to Iowa in 2014 to visit a few days with mom (Grace) when she was in the nursing home.\nAunt Jo and Grace enjoyed keeping in touch with family members with letters and visits. There came a time when Aunt Jo was no longer able to reply to letters but I continued to send letters to her.\nShe was a great lady who was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Claire Bersbach - February 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM

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“ When I was a kid I always thought of Aunt Jo as my Mom's cool little sister. I remember her killing me at ping-pong when we were visiting her in Baltimore when I was a teenager. The last time I saw her she smoked me at golf! I love her anyway! \n Larry Long

Larry Long - February 16, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ Aunt Jo and I corresponded by snail-mail for many years, sharing a love of horses, and stories about them. She would sometimes share newspaper photos with me; once it was a paper pix of her father, Grandpa Gilbert, bareback upon a massive draft horse. I was named for her, and will miss her.

Jo Gilkerson - February 15, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Eva Joan Nix - February 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM