



Joan Louise Aabye

July 9, 1951 - May 16, 2024

Joan Louise Aabye, 72, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Elfrida, AZ on May 16, 2024.

Joan was born in Milwaukee, WI in 1951 to Harold and Betty Garbisch. She was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, William Howard Aabye and never remarried. She is survived by her children Lisa Brown of Tucson, AZ, Michael (Lisa) Aabye of Elfrida, AZ, Amy (Jason) Robertson of Glenwood, NM and Andrew (Christie) Aabye of Cochise, AZ, 15 grandchildren and one great grandson.

In 1985, Bill and Joan packed up the family and moved from the green, rolling hills of Wisconsin to sunny, dry and brown Elfrida. Needless to say, the move was a bit of a culture shock for the family ~ everyone always laughed because the journey into Arizona happened on April Fool's Day. But Joan grew to love the desert Southwest and made Elfrida her home for nearly 40 years.

She is remembered for her countless years cooking at A Family Restaurant before her retirement. You may recall her greeting of "Hey, Butts" or something a tad more colorful upon entering the restaurant. She enjoyed working there immensely and thought of everyone as extended family.

She taught her children to be independent and loved nothing more than to spend time with her grandchildren. May Joan rest in peace in the loving arms of God.

A celebration of life will be held at 11am on June 1st at First Southern Baptist Church @ 4151 W. Sycamore Lane, Elfrida, AZ. Please join the family after

the service for a potluck meal. Her ashes will be buried at the Whitewater Cemetery alongside her husband, Bill.

Cemetery Details

Whitewater Cemetery

Mormon Road
Elfrida, AZ 85610

Previous Events

Celebration of Life (Potluck)

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Southern Baptist Church
4151 W. Sycamore Lane
Elfrida, AZ 85610

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jenni and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Louise Aabye.

Jenni and family - June 01, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JF

“ Jenni and family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.



Jenni and family - June 01, 2024 at 11:50 AM

KG

“ Kathy Greenway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Louise Aabye.

Kathy Greenway - May 30, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.



May 30, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.



May 29, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ From The Mahaney and Edwards Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Louise Aabye.

From The Mahaney and Edwards Family - May 28, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.



May 28, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ Preston & Jodie White purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.



Preston & Jodie White - May 27, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.*



May 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Love & Prayers, The Whites planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Louise Aabye.*

Love & Prayers, The Whites - May 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Louise Aabye.*



May 21, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *I loved this lady. She was a great friend and we had fun playing cards. She used to tease me but she always said she teased the friends she cared for. I am so sad to hear of her passing and my deepest condolences to her family.*

Dela Callahan - May 21, 2024 at 01:35 PM

DK

“ My condolences to Joan’s children and siblings. It’s been many years since seeing Joan, but I’ll always remember her as a warm-hearted woman with a ready smile for me. Despite my fiery childhood, Joan had a way of looking past the noise and see something good. Thank you, Joan. God’s blessings on you.
Dale Kehoss/Cedarburg WI

DALE ROBERT Kehoss - May 21, 2024 at 01:34 PM

CC

I wish I had the opportunity to know your mom Lisa. Sounds like you took after her in the cooking department. It is hard to loose a parent. She will always be with you in your heart.
Charlene

Charlene Collins - May 24, 2024 at 03:54 PM

PJ

“ Peggy Lou Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joan Aabye



Peggy Lou Jackson - May 21, 2024 at 01:31 PM

SH

“ I have a lot of fond memories working at A Family with Joan. She worked hard, was no nonsense, had a big heart and made the BEST pies. ☐ Sending my condolences to her family.

Sharon Horch - May 20, 2024 at 08:35 PM

LT

“ *LeRoy and Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Joan Aabye*



LeRoy and Diane Tucker - May 20, 2024 at 08:10 PM

KG

“ *I was very lucky to share lunch with Joan and Lisa, enjoying Joan's smile and conversation. Lisa is a dear friend and I was very happy to spend a little time with the two together! May God bring you together with your loved ones and have you keep watch on your children. ❤️*

Kathy Greenway - May 20, 2024 at 03:30 PM