



## Joy Stahl

December 2, 1940 - October 16, 2018

Joy Ann Stahl, 77, formally of Ralston, NE, went to be with the Lord on October 16, 2018 at the Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. She was born December 2, 1940 in Britton, SD, to Ray and Esther Shanahan. She was united in marriage to Elmer Stahl on October 17, 1959 in Huron, SD.

Joy held a variety of jobs throughout her life, and retired from MVP Laboratories in Ralston, Neb, a job she loved. She was a great seamstress and a very talented artist, providing her family and extended family with wonderful ceramic works of art. Her home-made bread was always a hit at family gatherings.

Her family includes her husband, Elmer, of Oskaloosa; her children, Joan Fletcher of Rapid City, SD, Daniel (Roxanne) Stahl of Hopkinsville, KY, and Catherine Stahl of Oskaloosa; five grandchildren, Jared (Erin) Fletcher, Brandy (Brent) Aukerman and Katie May (Devin) Rhodes, all of Rapid City; Devan Joy (Chris Wright) Stahl of East Lansing, MI.; and Darian Golden Stahl of Montreal, Canada; as well as five great grandchildren; Jae Fletcher, Guy, Kara and Cameron Fletcher, and Rowen Rhodes, all of Rapid City. Joy's greatest pleasure was her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Joy's siblings are Jack Shanahan of Sedalia, MO.; Jane Frazier of Muscatine, IA, Jeri Preston of Vermillion, SD, and Anthony Shanahan of Denver, CO. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Judy, and several nieces and nephews.

Per Joy's wishes, there will be no visitation and no funeral service. A celebration of life will be held this summer in Huron with her extended family. Memorials can be made to MHP Hospice Services.

# Comments

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“ I worked with Joy at MVP from 1986 until her retirement. Joy had a remarkable sense of humor. She was the self proclaimed “sexiest person” at MVP. She was quick to point this out to new and prospective new employees. She was fun to be with and always put a smile on your face. She had a way of miss pronouncing words that made how she said things unforgettable.

She was a hard worker and truly gifted at growing bacteria, virus, and mycoplasma that were in turn harvested and made into the vaccine MVP sold. No simple task. She had a gift. While not a trained researcher she worked with me on many research projects. Her ability to keep consise copious notes as she worked on research projects was invaluable to MVP’s success. She never became discouraged when testing did not go well. She could think out of the box and came up with suggestions for attempting things no one else had considered. I learned a great deal from her. Joy was a good friend to all she worked with.

To Elmer, Joan, Dan, and Cathy I send my deepest sympathy. I know how much she loved her family. My prayers are with you all.

Leann Siedlik

Leann Siedlik - December 07, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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“ Praying for Elmer and the whole family. Joy was one of the sweetest people we have ever had the pleasure of meeting. We enjoyed the time we spent together preparing for Devan and Chris' wedding. Tom and Susan Fischbach

Susan Fischbach - October 18, 2018 at 06:22 PM

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“ To Joy and Elmer's wonderful children and grandchildren. Joy and I were very close as children. Once when a girl was beating up on me Joy came and gave her what for. She was never anything but nice to me as a child. I remember when Joy and Elmer began dating. He is still a great guy - then and now. By the way, I have that jacket. It looked better on her because she was the cute one. I think she mentioned that a few times. I'll miss Joy very much. I'm thankful for having such a nice family and Joy was the closest to me. Lyle, Elmer, Joy and I have had many great times together. Now she is in Heaven waiting for me. :-)

Jerilyn Preston - October 17, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Oh Cathy, I am so sorry. I'm sending a big hug and lots of prayers for comfort.

**Donna Arendt** - October 17, 2018 at 01:16 PM

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“ SoSo sorry Kathy♥♥It is such a void to lose a parent♥You were blessed to have them live with you♥ Love and prayers to you and your family♥♥♥



**Mary Ssndholdt** - October 17, 2018 at 01:04 AM

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“ Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Joy Stahl



**Judy Lewis** - October 16, 2018 at 11:51 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with you, Cathy, and family!

**Judy Lewis** - October 16, 2018 at 11:50 PM

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“ Cathy so sorry to see this. I truly feel blessed to get to take care of your mom and spend time talking with her. She was quite a lady I am sure of that. It is truly the hardest thing to lose your mom. Just know you are in the thoughts and prayers of so many. Prayers for you and all your family.

**Gwen Bridgman** - October 16, 2018 at 10:59 PM

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“ Joy had been in our lives since our kids were born, we loved her like she was part of our family. Thank you Joy for being in our lives.

**Todd Marshall** - October 16, 2018 at 09:12 PM

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“ Elmer, Joan, Dan, and Cathy my heart goes out to you. The whole Debates clan sends our sympathies. Losing our dad almost 3 months to the day we all know what your going through. Keep your memories close to your heart. I always told my dad "we are right behind you".

**Terri Siebenahler** - October 16, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ Kaye Patterson lit a candle in memory of Joy Stahl



**Kaye Patterson** - October 16, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ I Love You Joy,, and am so sorry to all the family during this time.. You are all in my prayers and in my thoughts...

**Kaye Patterson** - October 16, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ Amanda Libey lit a candle in memory of Joy Stahl



**Amanda Libey** - October 16, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Cathy, so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing... Love and prayers

**Kerri Moore** - October 16, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ I just met Joy and Elmer several weeks ago. Joy portrayed her name. She laughed. She and I watched Dr Poe the vet on tv for several hours. She and Elmer would joke back and forth and had special cute names for each other. The love for each other shone out of their eyes. Many of us dream for a love like that. I was so looking forward to spending more time with her but I am very happy that she went peacefully. It is what I prayed for. Linda Lindgren

**linda lindgren** - October 16, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ so sorry to hear about Joy. She was a lovely person. I remember her when she worked at the mall in Aberdeen, SD. At the time, I didn't know that our children would marry and we would have mutual grandchildren. Love and prayers to all.

Gayle Goldin

**Gayle Goldin** - October 17, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ Cathy, our deepest sympathy. Lee and I were blessed to get to know your mom. We will always remember visits with you and your parents and the way Lee would tease her. She was always a good sport! We certainly enjoyed the limited time we got to spend with you all. Love and prayers to all.

**Jacky Bresnahan** - October 17, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ Joan and all your family, we are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a Joy to know. I am so glad I got to spend time with her and your whole Family this summer. I'm so lucky to call you all friends. Love Donna Jenkins and Family

**Donna Jenkins** - October 19, 2018 at 09:27 PM