



## Mrs. Joann T. O'Shea

October 5, 1931 - September 15, 2016

O'Shea, Joann T. [nee Shepherd] passed away Sept 15, 2016.

She was born on October 5th, 1931 in Keokuk, Iowa to William and Rose [nee Whalen] Shepherd.

Joann was known for her strength and independence. She will be remembered for her sharp, funny and determined demeanor, providing our families with many stories to share for generations. She worked until she was 71 years young. She enjoyed reading mystery suspense novels and gardening. Her passion for animals was relentless. Joann was a fabulous cook, no measurements ever needed. We ask you to take a moment to hug the ones close to you in her memory, time waits for no one.

Surviving are four children: Carla Ketts, William Bird [Luicene Harris], Maxine Jackson [Norman], and Gary Bird; granddaughter, Christine Abbott [Daniel]; son-in-law, Ellis Halbert; eight other grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Carl Bird; her second husband, Floyd O'Shea; two daughters: Rosemary Gray and Sherry Halbert; one brother and one sister.

Visitation will be held at Bellerive Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday Oct 8 from noon until 1 pm with Memorial Service to follow at 1.

Interment is private at Bellerive Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stray Rescue or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *JIM KETTS AND FAMILY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Joann T. O'Shea.*



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**JIM KETTS AND FAMILY** - October 05, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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“ *Beautiful Lady with a matching Smile. Once Joann loved you, she always kept you in her heart- no matter what life changes evolved . Privileged to be part of the Family . Privileged to Of known that Sassy wild eyed Irish Lass, Miss you and will always love You - Jim*

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**jim ketts** - October 03, 2016 at 06:37 PM

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*Dear Billy, Gary, Maxine, and Carla. We are so sincerely sorry for your loss. I loved the entire Bird clan deeply including Carl and JoAnn. There are so many things about everyone that I'll never forget including the years I spent in Keokuk when Mrs. Bird and Floyd were working at the Holiday Inn along with my cousin Cathy. If I read correctly Sherry has passed away? If this information is correct I had no idea and I'm sincerely sorry for all of your losses. Your friend of many decades.*

*Ramshaw  
Dennis & Patti, Arkansas*

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**Dennis & Patty Ramshaw** - October 04, 2016 at 10:06 PM