



JOAN BALLENGER

December 9, 1937 - January 25, 2019

Joan Phyllis (Crossley) Ballenger, 81, left us on Friday, January 25, 2019 after a short illness, with her family by her side, in Corona, CA.

Joan was born December 9, 1937, in Kankakee, IL, to Mary Francis and Norris Crossley. She attended high school in Kankakee before marrying Tommy Ballenger in the late 1950s. Joan had 4 children and her passion for people led to her work in healthcare at both Manteno and Kankakee State Hospitals.

In the early 1980s, she relocated to Sacramento, CA with her daughter, Lola, and worked as a nursing assistant where she proved to be as good a friend as a caregiver to many of her patients. She enjoyed spending her free time with family, playing bingo and chasing the big win on lottery scratchers. After retirement, she moved to be with her son, Keith and family, who reside in Corona, CA.

She leaves to cherish her memory: 1 son, Keith (Clarice) Crossley, of Corona, CA; 1 daughter, Tina Vieira, of Sacramento, CA; 1 sister, Mary Johnson, of Orlando, FL; 1 brother, Curtis (Penny) Crossley, of Kankakee, IL; 15 grandchildren (who affectionately called her "Grandma JoJo") Tyjuan, Kiauna, Athena, Heather, Stephanie, Aaron Jr. "AJ", Antwon, Aramis, Arianna, Lekai, Darryl "Wayne" Jr., Shenise,

Dontae, Demille, Fleetalyn; 25 great-grandchildren; and, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Francis and Norris Crossley; 2 daughters, Lola Williams and Sheri Townsend and 1 brother, Norris "Zeke" Crossley, Jr.

Visitation and Wake Service was held in Riverside, California on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Visitation will be Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 2:00 pm until time of funeral services at 3:00 pm at Lax Mortuary. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Joan always met you with a warm smile followed by happy recollections of when we were growing up. They will be lasting memories. Thanks Joan.* ”

Gertrude Howard Martin - February 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *"Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time..."* ”

Vanessa A. Holden - February 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *May God grant the family comfort & peace in your loss.* ”

Danny C Brewster, Sr. - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family...* ”

Terry Wilson Lloyd - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *MY CONDOLENCES* ”

JOANN FORD-BOX - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *May God's peace bring you COMFORT during this difficult time.* ”

VIETTA & Elayne Coffie - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *God's comfort and my prayers and condolences to the family in the passing of your loved one.* ”

Patricia Jamison - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM