



JoAnne Murphy

November 14, 1963 - June 7, 2024

JoAnne Marian Murphy graced this world on November 14, 1963, born into the loving embrace of Stephen and Marian Owens. Her journey through life was defined by a profound commitment to family, education, and the joy she brought to others.

JoAnne attended and graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, DC. Driven by a desire to expand her horizons, she pursued higher education at Prince George's Community College and later at University of Maryland, focusing on Business Administration.

The true treasures of Joanne's life were her children and grandchildren of whom she adored. Their presence brought immeasurable joy and purpose to her days, and she dedicated herself to nurturing their lives with unwavering love.

JoAnne was a radiant soul, deeply passionate about music, singing, and dancing. Gospel, R&B and Soul Music held a special place in her heart. Her infectious laugh and bright smile could light up any room, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met. Her professional journey saw her contributing her talents and dedication to the American Psychological Association where she worked for the past 27 years and served as the Director of Governance Operations, earning the admiration and respect of her

colleagues.

She found delight in the simple pleasures of life to include watching her favorite TV shows like Daytime Court TV, Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, and the Lifetime Movie Network. She cherished these moments of relaxation, fun, and sharing her enjoyment with those around her.

In the tapestry of Joanne's life, family was paramount. She leaves behind her cherished children, Janee' Owens and Patrick Murphy Jr., as well as her adored grandchildren Josiah (Jo Murph), Josiah (JoMax), Chloe, Myles, and Jaxon. She is also survived by her three brothers Jeffrey, Charles, and Maurice; one sister Jill, one Godsister Lakisha, and mother figure Phyllis Owens, as well as a loving array of nieces and nephews. She will especially be missed by her canine children Nana and Precious of whom she affectionately called "The Girls", alongside her special friend Wendell and a multitude of others whose lives she touched with her warmth and kindness.

Though her physical presence is no longer with us, JoAnne's spirit endures in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is now reunited in the eternal embrace of her mother Marian Owens, father Stephen Owens, brother Gerald Owens, nephew Jeffery Owens Jr., and godmother Sharon Whitaker who watch over her legacy with love and pride. JoAnne's memory will forever be a beacon of love, joy, and inspiration for all who knew her.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of JoAnne Murphy*



Pope Funeral Homes - June 21, 2024 at 02:59 PM

EA

Jo Anne was such a warm and caring person. She was a beautiful soul and such a joy to know. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Efua Andoh

Efua Andoh - June 21, 2024 at 03:20 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Henderson lit a candle in memory of JoAnne Murphy*



Cynthia Henderson - June 26, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JP

“ Jo Anne was a very special person. I had the privilege of working with her at the American Psychological Association while I was APA President. She was always helpful, kind and a joy to work with. She made our lives better and she will be missed.

James H Bray, PhD

2009 President, American Psychological Association

James H Bray, PhD - June 21, 2024 at 12:50 PM

GP

“ To the family of JoAnne,

First, I want to offer my sincerest condolences and prayers.

I was a colleague of JoAnne and she was always so welcoming and had a smile that would light up the room.

I remember the days when JoAnne and I would walk the stairs from the 1st floor all the way to the 12th floor at the APA building. We would laugh while walking back down the stairs but going back up wasn't too funny.

Whenever, I would stop pass her office just to say "Hey Girl", we would realize that an hour or so had passed. We would check in with each other and talk about or families from time-to-time.

JoAnne was a ray of sunshine and she will definitely be missed.

Gerri Parker

Gerri Parker - June 21, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AP

“ *The APA family, especially its Past Presidents whom she took care of in so many special ways, will miss JoAnne. A wonderful human being who always went the extra mile with a smile on her face and warmth in her heart.*

Antonio E. Puente - June 21, 2024 at 10:19 AM

JK

“ *Jennifer F Kelly lit a candle in memory of JoAnne Murphy*



Jennifer F Kelly - June 21, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MV

“ *Jo Anne was a lifesaver when I was President of APA in 2011. She helped with the organization of my events, and helped planned details that were vital to my success. She was always positive and uplifting. Everytime I saw her, she had a bright smile. She was good to my husband, and the two bonded and had joyful interactions. She was so kind when he died 1 1/2 years ago. I will miss Jo Anne so much. She left us way too soon, but I will keep her in my heart.*
Melba Vasquez

Melba Vasquez - June 21, 2024 at 09:16 AM

CK

“ *Cheryl Kleinert lit a candle in memory of JoAnne Murphy*



Cheryl Kleinert - June 21, 2024 at 07:39 AM