



Joan Maxine (Umsted) Koch

January 12, 1932 - August 3, 2024

Joan Umsted Koch passed from this life on August 3, 2024, at the age of 92 years, 6 months and 22 days. She was born in Fort Scott Kansas, January 12, 1932, to Paul and Lilly Mae Umsted, and moved to Anadarko at a young age.

She attended school at Anadarko public schools and graduated with the class of 1950. She was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Anadarko. She lived in Anadarko until moving to Brookdale Assisted living in Chickasha in March of 2022. She and her little dog Parker were very happy there.

Joan was a loving wife, mom, grandma, and great grandma. She married C. Allen Koch Sr. April 8, 1952. To this union were born three sons and a daughter, Allen Jr., Steve, Kent and Karen.

After graduating from USAO she furthered her college degree at Southwestern and obtained a Master's Degree. Joan taught art at Anadarko High School for 16 years. After her retirement, she and her husband Allen enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending weeks at the lake until his health declined.

Joan didn't let age slow her down. She was a very talented artist and excelled in anything she tried. She started making quilts in her 70's, painting gourds in

her 80's, and made everyone a crocheted scarf or hat for Christmas in her 90's. She also loved raising orchids and planting flowers every spring.

Joan is survived by a son Kent Koch and his wife Julie of Anadarko, a daughter Karen Sullivan and her husband Kim of Weatherford Oklahoma, 8 grandchildren, Steve Koch of Ft. Cobb, Brian Koch of Ft. Cobb, Kory Koch and wife Christen of Blacksburg, Virginia, Megan Klusmeyer and husband Kraig of Anadarko, Zach Sullivan and wife Becca of Weatherford, Jake Sullivan and wife Michelle of Weatherford, Kylee Wallace and husband Joel of Salina Kansas, and Tucker Sullivan and wife Elizabeth of Edmond, 10 great grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Lilly Umsted, her brother Glen Umsted, husband Allen Sr. two sons, Allen jr. and Steve, a grandson Jesse Sullivan and a great grandson Aiden Sullivan.

A memorial service is set to begin at 2:00 PM, on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the First Christian Church in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Arrangements are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
212 SW 2nd Street
Anadarko, OK 73005

Tribute Wall

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“*Kent, Julie — so hard to lose a mom! You’ve been fortunate to have her so long—my mom passed at 96 and what a blessing to have her wisdom in my life! I know that all the many memories you have together will ease the pain of losing her. I am so sorry*💕💕🙏💕🎉

Milre Henry - August 19, 2024 at 12:23 PM

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“*Thoughts and Prayers!!!*



Bill Reedy - August 07, 2024 at 01:26 AM

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“*Mrs. Koch was my AHS art teacher. She was a very patient and talented teacher. My she rest in eternal peace!*

Joe Taylor

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Joe Taylor - August 06, 2024 at 02:47 PM