



JoCarol Emling

August 29, 1954 - December 27, 2021

JoCarol Emling, 67, of Bonfield passed away December 27, 2021, at Amita St Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

She was born on August 29, 1954, in Kankakee, the daughter of Edwin and Pauline (Barton) Tholen. On October 4, 1974, she married Rodney Emling at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

JoCarol was the owner of Emling Canvas Products. She was an officer of the Bonfield Lions' Club and an officer of the Bonfield Community Center. In her younger years, JoCarol volunteered as an EMT and firefighter for the Salina Township Fire Protection District. JoCarol enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Cherie Emling (Stanley Heimerl) of Monee and Robin (Joseph) Armellino of Beecher, three grandchildren, Andrea Entwhistle, and Riley and Haley Armellino. She is also survived by her brother Michael Tholen, her sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

JoCarol is preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jeremiah Emling, and her sister, Terry Barnard.

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee on Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Service will be held at Jensen Funeral Home on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 am. Pastor Michael Stein will officiate. A burial will follow at Bonfield Cemetery and a luncheon at the Bonfield Lions' Club.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

West Street
Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *JoCarol Emling*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beth Capron (Ed & Phyllis Riegel) lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling*



Beth Capron (Ed & Phyllis Riegel) - January 10, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *JoCarol has been my best friend for 50 years. We have helped each other through the ups and downs in our lives. She was my partner in crime in our younger days. I will miss all the fun times we have had together over the years. I am going to miss you greatly, but now you can be with Jeremiah once again.*
Cheryl



Cheryl Helopoulos - January 05, 2022 at 01:04 AM



“ *Andy Paulissen lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling*



Andy Paulissen - January 03, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoCarol Emling.*



January 02, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Jo Carol was a great person. She had a quiet strength and was a hard worker. She was the bond that held her family together. May the family remember her as she walked by their sides. Look for signs she is still there a whisper in the wind a comforting feeling a fond memory . Our prayers and love are sent to Rod and the whole family at your great loss. May she rest in eternal peace. She will be missed by cousins Richard and Debra Emling*

Debra and Richard Emling - December 31, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about JoCarol. She was a kind hearted, nice person and will be missed.*



Chris Patterson - December 31, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *San, Todd And Michael lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling*



San, Todd and Michael - December 31, 2021 at 12:12 PM

BG

“ We will always remember all the great family get togethers. Will miss your smile and the way you always supported us. Love you always, JoCarol.
Barb Grindstaff and family.

Barb Grindstaff - December 30, 2021 at 07:12 PM

BG

“ Barbara Grindstaff lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling



Barbara Grindstaff - December 30, 2021 at 06:55 PM

KS

“ Kimberly Skimerhorn lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling



Kimberly Skimerhorn - December 30, 2021 at 02:39 AM

KS

“ I will never forget everything she has do for me. She was there when every I need someone to talk to. She was the one who helped me with my flowers when I got married. She was there when my mom passed away. I will miss are lunches together,are calls at least once a week just to see how we are doing. I love her and I'm going to miss you Aunt Jo.

Kimberly Skimerhorn - December 30, 2021 at 02:37 AM

JR

“ I have no words on the loss of JoCarol. I remember vividly when I first met her as she told funny stories (much to Cherie's chagrin, I think). She was so always welcoming when Cherie brought me home over the years as I had no family close by. The Emling family will always be a part of my family. Love to all! - Jenn Rysanek

Jennifer Rysanek - December 30, 2021 at 01:56 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Rysanek and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of JoCarol Emling.



Jennifer Rysanek and Family - December 30, 2021 at 01:43 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of JoCarol Emling.



December 29, 2021 at 10:07 PM

JJ

“ My phone calls with JoCarol weren't always about business. We'd spend 20 minutes or more just catching up or shooting the breeze, even during the hectic summer season. I will miss those chats with her...she was a very special person.

Jim Richards Jr. - December 29, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JJ

“ *Jim Richards Sr. & Jim Richards Jr. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JoCarol Emling.*



Jim Richards Sr. & Jim Richards Jr. - December 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of JoCarol Emling.*



December 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of JoCarol Emling.*



December 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BW

“ *Anytime with my aunt was memorable my aunt Joe was fun to be around. She Taught me how to sew on her sewing machine. She truly going to be missed I love you aunt Joe and already miss you.*



Brian Woodall - December 29, 2021 at 06:45 AM

WO

“ Wanda Ohrt lit a candle in memory of JoCarol Emling



Wanda ohrt - December 29, 2021 at 02:13 AM

BR

“ Ive known J oCarol for almost 50 years. I lived in Bonfield for 10 years. She always cared about you and was a kind person. Will really miss her with her craft and Christmas parties. She can be with Jeremiah now. Betty Jensen Ohrt Reid

BETTY Reid - December 28, 2021 at 06:06 PM

JJ

“ Judy and Madi Jones purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of JoCarol Emling.



Judy and Madi Jones - December 28, 2021 at 03:44 PM

BS

“ JoCarol was a very special person. She was a good friend of my sister Sandy who passed away 20 years ago. She was so kind and help our family thru a very tough time unselfishly. She will be greatly missed. RIP JoCarol. Barb Schneider

Barb Schneider - December 28, 2021 at 03:22 PM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family and friends are in my prayers. Jo and I got to be friends in study hall, many years ago. 🙏

Karen Wilson Crane - December 28, 2021 at 03:17 PM