



Joellen McFarland Stringfellow

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Joellen McFarland Stringfellow, 81, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 10, in the company of her family. Born in Springfield, IL, to Glenn and Emelie McFarland, Jo went on to attend DePauw University, where she met her husband of 59 years, Carlton “Bud” Benjamin Stringfellow. Jo and Bud graduated from DePauw in 1958 and were married in June of that year. They began their family while Bud was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1962 they moved to Severna Park, MD, where they resided for 23 years. Jo was an active, dedicated mother to her three children and was involved with the Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Green Hornets as they grew up. Jo was also very active in the Severna Park High School Sports Boosters, where she served as president and spent many years in the concession stand, while cheering for their three children on various teams. Jo also worked part-time at Clement Hardware Store.

Jo was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and PEO.

In 1985 Bud and Jo moved to Queenstown, MD, where they stayed for 20 years in their “farm on the bay.” They spent many great years hosting family and friends’ vacations and events on the farm, where the six grandchildren learned to swim, catch crabs, pick apples, and go camping. The 4th of July was a particularly special time for the family to gather, and Jo looked forward each year to the Stringfellow “Iron Man” competition, hot dogs, and fireworks.

In 2005 they relocated to Symphony Village in Centreville, MD, where they became involved with the local elementary school volunteer programs. As their grandchildren grew, Jo and Bud could always be found on the sidelines of sports fields and courts. Jo was never without her special sports bag of snacks, which she shared equally with hungry parents and athletes.

Jo was loved by family and friends across the country and was known for her warm smile and



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infectious laugh, along with her kindness and fun-loving spirit. She will be deeply missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, George Edward McFarland, Jr. She is survived by her beloved husband, Bud, and her three children and their spouses, David and Denise (Smith) Stringfellow, Peter and Susan (Stringfellow) Ainsworth, and John and Amy (Sherrill) Stringfellow. She is also survived by her six grandchildren, Laura Stringfellow, Emily Ainsworth, Benjamin Stringfellow, Nicholas Stringfellow, Sarah Ainsworth, and Gregory Stringfellow.

Services are private and the family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.



Tribute Wall

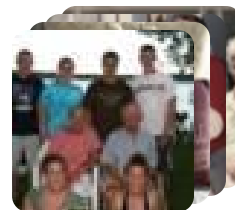
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Laura Stringfellow shared 12 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My grandmother was the most amazing woman that I have ever known. I miss everything about her. Her smile, her laugh and especially her conversations. I would call her and we would have the best talks. Grandma I miss you and I love you with all my heart.



September 17 at 11:34 AM

JP

John And Phyllis Perkins posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stringfellow family! Jo was a wonderful caring lady! She was such a joy to talk to. It was a pleasure to have known her.

September 15 at 4:55 PM

RC

Robin Cohen posted:

I did not know John's mom, but she sure did raise a wonderful son in John!!! My thoughts are with the whole family at this time. Love, The Cohen Family

September 15 at 10:37 AM

KD

Ken Dunn posted:

To the Stringfellow Family, What a wonderful woman with a wonderful family. Great parents and great kids. I was fortunate to have known the Stringfellows while I was coaching football at SPSHS in the 70's. I'll never forget how kind and supportive your Mom and Dad were. Remember she didn't pass on, she passed over to a better place. It'll be up to all who knew Mrs. Stringfellow to pass her on through their hearts and minds to others. They will then pass her on, that way she'll always be with us. God Bless the Stringfellow Family. With deepest sympathy, Coach Dunn
(kenbdunn@yahoo.com)

September 14 at 1:52 PM



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Julia Hollmeyer Clauson posted:

How sad to learn of Joellen's passing. I moved to Springfield, Illinois when I was in 4th grade. My first day at Butler School was a week after school started. The day I came to school, there was not a desk for me or any books so the teacher had me share a desk (the chair was attached to the desk behind it so not a lot of chair room to spare!) and books with Joellen. We both had braids so I always felt a kindred spirit with Joellen. Joellen was an outstanding athlete. When we chose teams in gym class, Joellen was always chosen first on all the sports teams!!Such fond memories of our Butler friend, Joellen.My condolences to all her family,Julia Hollmeyer Clauson Wilmette, Illinois

September 13 at 3:38 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joellen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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