



## Phyllis "Joann" Burand

June 30, 1933 - August 28, 2013

Phyllis "Joann" Burand, 80, of Anderson, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. She was born on June 30, 1933 in Dayton, Ohio and was the daughter of the late Edward G. and M. Margaret Elliott Decker. Joann grew up in Centerville, Ohio before heading to Indiana where she graduated from DePauw University in 1955. At DePauw, she majored in education, was initiated into the Mortar board honor society for college seniors, held key student leadership positions including serving as president of the sorority Alpha Chi Omega Alpha chapter, and was pinned twice by the man who later would become her husband, Jerry M. Burand. She earned her Master's degree in education from Ball State University. Joann was a teacher-in and out of the classroom. She taught first and second grade in the Anderson School system for over 25 years. For a dozen years, she and her first grade classes corresponded regularly with the children's author Dr. Seuss who, in one of his responses, said that if he were to be a first grader again, he would want to be a student in Mrs. Burand's class. Upon retiring in 1994, Joann supervised the training of many Anderson University student teachers. She and Jerry also team-taught a courtship and marriage course at Anderson University for 15 years and led marriage enrichment weekend seminars for over 20 years. Since moving to Anderson in 1968, Joann was actively involved in the community, serving in many leadership positions in service and church-sponsored organizations. She also was a talented, creative writer with articles published in the Indianapolis Monthly magazine, Anderson

newspaper, and various children's publications. After her diagnosis of ovarian cancer, Joann created a blog "Gift from the Butterfly Garden: Daring to Grow Wings" <http://giftfromthebutterflygarden.typepad.com> where for the last two years she posted reflections on her experience of creating, maintaining and enjoying a Memorial Butterfly Garden that is located in the First United Methodist Church's Davis Park. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jerry M. Burand; daughter, Deborah of Chelsea, Michigan; son, David and daughter-in-law, Cheryl of Fishers, Indiana, and granddaughter, Kristin who is a junior at Butler University. She also is survived by many other extended family members, including her late sister Kay's grandchildren, Kelsey Sullivan and Grant Johnston who consider Joann a beloved grandmother. Joann's family would like to thank the staff of St. Vincent Hospice Anderson Region for the exceptional care they provided Joann over these last several weeks, and also to thank family and friends for their love and support. A service to celebrate Joann's life will take place at Davis Park 4507 Nichol Avenue, Anderson on September 7th at 2:00 pm with The Rev. Kaye Casterline officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Joann's name may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 1215 Jackson Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016 directing support either to the Memorial Butterfly Garden or the Children's Fund. Post online condolences at [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com) or [www.theheraldbulletin.com](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com).

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Jerry and/or Deborah. Today is January 19, 2024, and I've just now found Joann's obituary online. I didn't realize that we were both born in Ohio in the same year. Perhaps you remember visiting the Overbeck House in Cambridge City in 2000 and a story she wrote. Can you get in touch with me? I still live at 520 East Church. Phyllis Mattheis

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**Phyllis Mattheis** - January 19, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I know you have many wonderful memories! Joann was a lovely lady. Take Care, Betty

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**Betty Crum** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Jerry and family- So sorry to hear about Joann's passing. She was truly a remarkable lady and teacher. I have spoken of her often when asked why I became a teacher. My teacher in first grade 35 years ago and neighbor of many years; she was a real inspiration for what I wanted and want to still become as an educator. She will be missed by many. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Natalie Martin Parrish** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Jerry and family-- my prayers are with you. Joann was a great lady who did so much for so many. There are not enough words to say how much she meant to everyone. She will always be with you in spirit.

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**Donna Pettigrew** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jerry and family-We will miss this fine teacher and lady. We hope your many fond memories will sustain you now and in the future.

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**Jack Ke\_sling and family** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am so saddened to hear of Joann's passing. She was a wonderful, warm, and very caring person who in her time with us touched many lives. My prayers are with you Jerry, and family. Many blessings as you remember, rejoice, and grieve this sweet lady's passing.

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**Cheryl Shank** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ We admire the strength, love, and dedication the two of you shared over Joann's long illness. We hope you realize what a blessing and wonderful example you have been to others. Your love will continue to spread through Joann's butterfly garden. You are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Nina and Tim Kline** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Joann was such a beautiful woman and was an inspiration to so many people. She truly "walked the walk" and put others before herself. When we look at the beautiful butterflies all around us, we realize that Joann's beauty and love is still with us. May this be a comfort to all her family and friends.

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**Mary Jackson** - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM