

Joan Rushlo

Our Heavenly Father called Joan Rushlo home to His loving arms, on Jan. 6, 2014. Joan passed away in Scottsdale, Ariz. under the care of Hospice of the Valley.

Joan Mae Erbisch was born Dec. 30, 1934, in Sebewaing. She was the daughter of Wilson and Luella Erbisch.

She was a graduate of Sebewaing High School, class of 1952. On Sept. 30, 1953, she was united in marriage to David Rushlo of Caro. Soon after their marriage, Joan joined David, in Alaska, while he completed his service in the army. Once completed, they settled in Michigan for approximately 20 years before moving to Scottsdale, Ariz.

Joan was a strong Christian from her youth and shared her faith throughout her life. She was involved with The Walther League in Michigan. She assisted pastors with youth confirmation classes after moving to Arizona for health concerns. She was a very accomplished quilter and woodcarver. Joan was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Ariz. Joan had suffered with Alzheimer's for many years.

She is survived by her husband, of 60 years, David Rushlo of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her sons, Robin (Kathy) Rushlo of Iowa City, Iowa and Jeff (Lisa) Rushlo of Peoria, Ariz.; her daughter, Heidi (Terry) Leavitt of Phoenix, Ariz.; her sister, Gail (Dr. Gerhardt) Meyer of Napah, Idaho; as well as precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, Holy Cross Lutheran in Scottsdale or Hospice of the Valley.

A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Ariz. Internment will follow at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix, Ariz.

Messinger Mortuaries of Scottsdale, Ariz. is handling the arrangements.