



Joann Guerrero Siobal

April 11, 1955 - August 21, 2016

Joann Guerrero Siobal, aged 61, passed away on August 21, 2016 at her home in San Francisco, after a battle with cancer. Joann was born on April 11, 1955 at Oak Knoll Naval hospital in Oakland, California, the eldest of Hazel Crane Guerrero and Jose Lizama Guerrero's four daughters.

As an outgoing youth and San Francisco resident for most of her life, Joann made and kept many lifelong friends from middle school at A.P. Giannini. Though her military family moved several times throughout her childhood, she eventually graduated from Lincoln High School and attended college at U.C. Berkeley on a full, 4-year scholarship. Joann remained very close with her childhood friends throughout her life.

Joann met Mark Siobal on New Year's Eve 1973 during her freshman year at Cal. They were married four years later on 7/7/77 and had their first son, Marcus Matthew, two years later. Joann attended nursing school at City College of San Francisco and was 7 months pregnant with her daughter, Kemi Moseko, when she graduated in 1983. Their youngest son, Lucas Gabriel, was born in 1988.

Joann loved her family deeply and was a wonderful wife and mother. She was loving, kind, caring, thoughtful, generous, encouraging and understanding. She always considered the needs of her family and would visit Lucas at work

to give him underwear she just purchased on sale, choose a fresh bouquet of flowers from the farmer's market for Kemi and pick up a super taco and a burrito for Matt and Mark on her way home. She would often be the first person her children would come to for advice and always lent a sympathetic ear. She had a passion for discovering new places and sharing them with the people she loved. Joann and family were fortunate to have shared many travel adventures to places like Camp Mather, Death Valley, New York, Alaska, Japan, Hawaii, Canada, and various countries in Europe and South America.

Joann was a homecare nurse before being hired on as a medical-surgical nurse at San Francisco General Hospital in 1985. In the early 1990s, Joann transitioned to the trauma-surgical Intensive Care Unit where she worked 12-hour night shifts for nearly two decades. Throughout those years she cared for many critically ill patients but created countless fond memories with her colleagues and formed many lasting friendships. She was also a clinical nursing instructor at City College of San Francisco, her nursing alma mater, and, most recently, the acting manager of the Nurse Advice Line for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Joann was forced to forego bedside care when her health declined as a result of an autoimmune liver deficiency, which required a liver transplant in October 2012. Joann not only survived her liver transplant, she thrived. She resumed her healthy lifestyle, her love of fitness and her FitBit, the outdoors and nature. She cooked and ate, hiked and explored. In the Spring of 2015, Joann, Mark and a group of dear friends hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back, an accomplishment of which Joann was immensely proud and an experience that she cherished.

Joann took great pride in her home and loved to decorate it according to the season or holiday. She loved to cook and share meals with her loved ones,

often hosting dinners, parties and barbeques for birthdays, holidays or just a plain old Wednesday. Joann always kept up with the latest trends, but was a smart shopper who loved a good deal. She loved going to “the show” with Mark to eat popcorn and a hotdog while watching the latest releases. She loved to dance to great music, but especially to James Brown. Joann surrounded herself with things she loved and appreciated: family, friends, plants, flowers, music, art, laughter, jokes...and shoes!

Words cannot express the emptiness Joann’s passing leaves in the lives of her loved ones, but the memory of her kind heart, generous spirit and fierce love for her family and friends will always remain.

Joann is survived by her sisters, Julie Watanabe and Jodee Lovingood; her husband, Mark; children, Matt, Kemi and Lucas; and a multitude of loving family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

1370 El Camino Real
Colma, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Co.
4840 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA

Prayer Service

AUG **28**. 7:00 PM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Co.
4840 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA

Funeral Liturgy

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Co.
4840 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Comfort and condolences to the Siobal family. Prayers for you all.
/Leon and Sabrina Bonney.*

Leon Jon Bonney, Esq. - August 28, 2016 at 08:19 PM

LE

“ *Dear Mark, Matt, Kemi and Lucas,*

I knew your beautiful Joann as a fellow camper at Camp Mather and a fellow nurse at SFGH. She was such a gracious human being - always with a smile on her face, an optimistic attitude, a quick wit, and a kind word for everyone. She really was someone who could find the good in everyone, find the hope in every situation, and find the way to give everybody the benefit of the doubt, albeit in a wry and totally concious way!

My deep felt sympathy to you and your extended family. As friends and acquaintances we too will deeply miss her.

Linda ennis and Harrison Baer

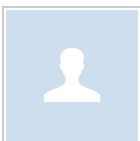
Linda Ennis - August 28, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ I liked her the moment I met her. She had a great sense of humor- sort of dry with an edge but never rude! I loved it! I once asked if I could ask her a question and she responded, " is it convoluted?" That's when I knew I loved her. She was amazing with her patients and smart as hell. I respected her and thought of her often when I left the nurse advice line. I'm so sad R.I.Power Siobal



Jessie Aguirre - August 28, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.



August 27, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ Love, Debbie and Madison purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.



Love, Debbie and Madison - August 27, 2016 at 07:26 PM

GZ

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Gladys Zarazua - August 27, 2016 at 06:48 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gladys Zarazua - August 27, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ In memory of Joann please feel free to make a donation to the SFGH Foundation in support of San Francisco General Hospital as a tribute gift in Joann's name. She and I both would be very proud to know that this will be part of her legacy.

<https://sfghf.org/support-us/donate/>

Mark Siobal - August 27, 2016 at 02:07 PM



"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can."

From Hillary's DNC Speech

Mark Siobal - August 27, 2016 at 02:09 PM

CH

“ Mark - So sorry to hear of your loss. Joann will always be remembered as a kind and caring individual. Love to your family.

Chris and Genell Hilton - August 27, 2016 at 08:48 AM

NT

“ Nursing Advice Line Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.



Nursing Advice Line Team - August 26, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.



August 26, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Our Dearest Joann



Mark Siobal - August 26, 2016 at 01:32 PM



My beautiful darling Joann. I will love and miss you forever and always.

Mark Siobal - August 27, 2016 at 02:10 PM

FE

“Joann...only you were more proud of yourself than we were (Emilie, Mike, Christine, Larry, Teri, Gerry, Raúl, Mark and myself) as you reached the south rim of the Grand Canyon after our exhilarating descent, 2-night stay at Phantom Ranch and the rigorous climb up the Bright Angel trail. This is how I will remember you always...a woman with such fortitude that 2.5 years after a liver transplant, you could endeavor to scale the GC. We endeavor to carry your strength to help us navigate whatever comes our way on this life journey. Lovingly, Fern.



Fern Ebeling - August 26, 2016 at 01:10 AM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.



August 25, 2016 at 11:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.*



August 25, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Ann Goodall 4E ICU nurse purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.*



Ann Goodall 4E ICU nurse - August 25, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ *Your NBRC Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.*



Your NBRC Family - August 25, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.*



August 24, 2016 at 07:55 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *Our Dearest Joann*



Mary Bihr - August 24, 2016 at 07:03 PM

CM

“ *Dearest Joann, a most inspirational person, wife, mom, relative, friend to all. You will be greatly missed. Thank you for all your kindness, thoughtfulness, smiles and hugs - you and Mark have always brought the family together at your home for many good memories. (Shared some photos of good times). You are surely in Heaven now! We will see you again someday. Love, your Hawaii Cousin Colleen and family.*

c morgan - August 24, 2016 at 04:08 PM

CM

“ 12 files added to the album *Our Dearest Joann*



c morgan - August 24, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann Guerrero Siobal.*



August 23, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Our Dearest Joann*



Mark Siobal - August 23, 2016 at 12:06 PM



Joann was an amazing person who I admired because she was my first cousin. Know that she will be missed.

Samuel Crane - August 27, 2016 at 01:05 PM



Joann , a woman of amazing strength, intelligence, endurance, kindness and humility. She will be missed, my sympathy to all who knew her.

beverly bagdorf - August 28, 2016 at 06:33 PM



Throughout her life Joann touched so many of us in countless ways. Always thoughtful, selfless and nurturing. We are all the better for it. "Life is a journey, death is returning home" a Chinese proverb.

Lidia Baranda Larin and family - August 30, 2016 at 02:23 AM