



Joan Haight

October 26, 1929 - November 24, 2020

Joan was born on Saturday, October 26, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois the daughter of Chester and Adeline (Caudle) Irvin. She passed from this life on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma where she had lived the past five years. She was 91 years of age.

She worked for the State of Illinois for many years, evaluating applications for work visas and Alien Certification Review. Joan never learned to drive. She enjoyed taking the “L” train to work every day to downtown Chicago. She was an accomplished artist, drawing, painting and even delving into pottery. Joan passed that love for art down to her two sons as well. She also loved reading, especially mystery novels. She was very witty but not always politically correct. She enjoyed traveling and being single for most of her life, as she was quite self-sufficient until her last few years. Joan had a very sophisticated palate, enjoying foods from many different cuisines.

She is survived by:

Son, Stewart Haight and his wife, Kendra Dillard of Fairfield, California

Granddaughter, Melissa Burnside and her husband, Christopher of Boise, Idaho

Grandsons, Aaron Haight of Tulsa

Alan Haight of Berkeley, California and Brendan Haight of Oakdale, Minnesota

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Haight*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



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Melissa Burnside - December 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM

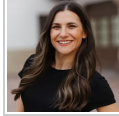


“ *Joan was a warm and thoughtful person who truly appreciated the beauty in life. I was first welcomed into her home in 1976 and remember the serenity of the surroundings. She had decorated with pottery and paintings and had an easel with a work in progress set up.*

Although we did not visit together over the most recent few decades (over 700 miles apart), we did keep in touch by phone. She kept up on current events, and we had discussions on the state of the world. After retiring, she purchased her first home and shared with me the many joys and tribulations of being a homeowner. She was extremely fond of her feline companion Sammie.

Joan's outlook on life was refreshing. She will be missed.

Susanna K - December 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM



Very nice to hear from you, Sue. Thank you for your kind words. Sammie is still with us, enjoying and roaming many acres of land at my mom's house in Oklahoma!

Melissa Burnside - December 09, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Though I had only visited her a handful of times in my life and don't feel I knew her as well as Melissa, my grandmother Joan did leave a memorable impression of a kind but opinionated individual who cared quite a bit for those close to her. From my brief experiences with her, I suspect she also may have had some degree of a fire (sass) in her from her younger days that perhaps mellowed slightly and carried over to her later years.*

Back in 2013, before she lived Oklahoma, I had gone to visit and attempt to help her clean up her house bit. She had just adopted an affectionate stray cat she had named Sammie, for which I was glad she had found a new pet after the passing of the poodle she had cared for since I was a child. This, combined with a number of partially finished projects about her house, helped characterize the grandmother I hadn't known particularly well. I was also impressed by the number of sentimental objects she had accumulated over the course of her life which provided glimpses into her past.

Though she was kind, our personalities were somewhat opposites so conversation did not come easily, I regret. But that did not detract from what I thought of her - she had more character than most. I sort of wish I had taken some photos during that trip. I know she worried about our side of the family and I wish I had been able to tell her not to worry, one last time, and that I don't blame her for anything. Rest in peace.

(Melissa, thanks again for being there for her when my brother and I could not.)

Brendan Haight - December 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Joan was definitely from Chicago she didn't know a lot about Oklahoma . When she was getting ready to come visit us she called and asked, Do you have a Sears and a Zoo ? That memory always makes me smile. When we went to visit her in the city she made sure we were able to all the sites in Chicago and she made sure we had tickets to see the Chicago Cubs. Melissa has been her caretaker for the last several years and made sure all her needs were taken care of. I enjoyed having Thanksgiving dinner with her last year. It was a privilege to be her daughter-in-law.*

Dawnette Yaeger Sumter - December 01, 2020 at 11:34 AM

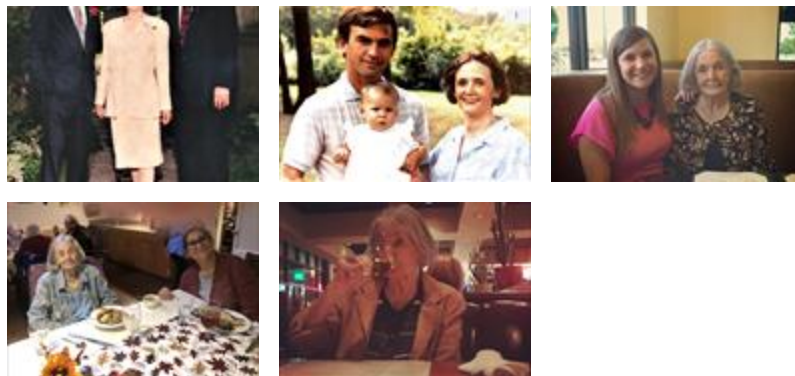
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*I remember her first trip to Okla...I think she felt welcomed ... Yes last year I went with Dawnette to have Thanksgiving dinner with her...she enjoyed us being there with her...She loved her Kitty...it kept her company. So proud of the care Melissa gave to her the past several years...Blessings to each and now remember all the happy memories.
Bennetta Yaeger*

Bennetta Yaeger - December 01, 2020 at 05:44 PM



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Melissa Burnside - November 30, 2020 at 07:49 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Haight family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Joan.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM