



Joan Lapham

April 22, 1931 - November 3, 2021

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The former Miss Joan Barton graduated High School in England and went on to attend Canterbury Girls College in Canterbury, Victoria, England. Joan moved to the United States when she was 25 years of age. She began working in medical field and eventually became a self-employed Medical Transcriptionist. She enjoyed playing the piano and was very proud of her British Heritage. She often spoke of the resiliency she and her community developed during World War II while growing up in southern England. The Tulsa World summarized some of her experiences in an article here.

https://tulsaworld.com/news/local/80-years-ago-ww2-found-a-little-british-girl-in-her-backyard-now-a-tulsan/article_cfc74e82-8a46-5b99-8f7e-4f46d48255b0.html

Joan was very stylish and always wanted to look her best. Her great joy came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by,

Sons, Neil and wife Melinda Lapham, Broken Arrow, OK

Mark and wife Debbie Lapham, Grapevine, TX

10 Grandchildren, Andrea and Jeremy Enno, Broken Arrow, OK

Casey Lapham, New York, NY

Chad Staehle, Tulsa, OK

Chris Lapham, Tulsa, OK

Corinne and Ezekiel Onigbinde, Broken Arrow, OK

Kali Ann Young, Lacey Washington

Katie Matuska and Nichole Mick, Broken Arrow, OK

Macy Lapham, Waco, TX

Ryan Lapham, Tulsa, OK (deceased)

Taylor Lapham, Grapevine, TX

Several Great Grandchildren,

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Gertrude; Daughters, Sharon Young and Tanya Matuska; Sisters, Gerty and Kath; Brother, Bob and Grandson, Ryan Lapham.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

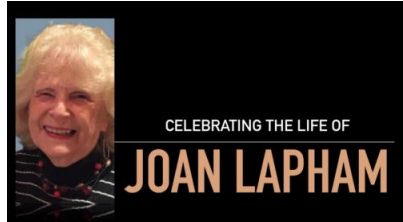
NOV **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ridge Christian Church
4010 W. New Orleans St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Joan Lapham



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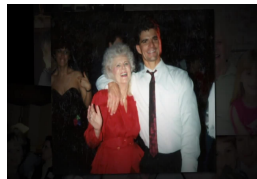


“ Joan Lapham

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 11, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lapham.



November 08, 2021 at 02:37 PM

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“ *My memory of Auntie Joan
Skyping with her sister Kath (my mother) for over an hour on the internet, chatting about Joan's home town of Margate, Kent, England, the school she attended with same name as her maiden name (Barton Court Grammar School) and memories of childhood and the war. It could clearly be seen the love between the sisters .A generation that is now sadly disappearing.*

Joan was always bright and smartly dressed and must have had an adventurous spirit to have left England for America so many years ago.

From the Skype, I always noted how she had a supportive and close loving family around her.

I know she will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Paul Purkess (nephew) and family.

Paul Purkess - November 08, 2021 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Joan was a very wonderful & interesting lady. I got to know her during occasional visits to the Club at Indian Springs with her son, Neil. She was always willing to share her life stories with me and I was equally eager to hear them! She was very very special person!*

Matt Robinson

Matt Robinson - November 08, 2021 at 09:35 AM



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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM