

Joan Laib – Diploma 1966 Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing

Joan V. (Griffin) Laib, 74, Blaine, Minn., passed away April 3, 2019, at Unity Hospital, Blaine, Minn.

She has been cremated and no service will be held.

She was born Jan. 4, 1945, in Casper, Wyo., to Raymond and Helen (Erickson) Griffin. The family moved to Bismarck where Joan graduated from Bismarck High School in 1963 and Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing in 1966.

She married Mervin Laib in 1966 and they moved to Minnesota. Their daughter, Rhonda, was born in 1969.

Joan's life was one of service to others. She worked in various nursing homes in Minnesota, including Glenwood, Golden Valley, Delano and Ambassador in New Hope. She also worked in numerous chemical dependency treatment centers in Minnesota including Prospect Park, Twin Town, Bridgeway, Pride and Woodbury. She moved on to Cigna where she was a case manager who coordinated necessary care and services for CD patients and their families.

She worked for 44 years in her nursing profession caring about others and helping her patients become more responsible and independent people. Joan retired in 2010. Joan was very proud of her 41 years of sobriety.

Joan loved traveling and having fun and had a great sense of humor. One special trip she took was traveling to Alaska in 2012 with her sister and brother-in-law. Joan also had a special love of animals and had many pets throughout her life.

Survivors are her daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Doug Basch, Coon Rapids, Minn.; Mervin Laib, Coon Rapids, Minn.; her sister and brother-in-law, Carol Griffin-Eckart and Dwight Eckart, Bismarck; and special friends, Carol and Melvin Davis, Minneapolis.

Joan was predeceased by her parents.