II Timothy 4: 7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

"I want my funeral to be a celebration of a life already lived in the manner which I chose."

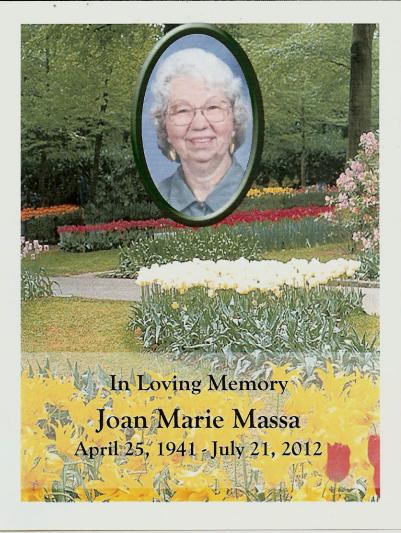
-- -- Joan Massa -- --

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Joan Marie Massa, age 71, of rural Lamar, passed away early Saturday morning, July 21, 2012 at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Joan was born April 25, 1941 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri to William and Rosa (Winstead) Hardwick. On October 17, 1958, at Cape Girardeau, she married John A. Massa and they made their home in Cape Girardeau, Herculaneum, and Festus before moving to Barton County in 1991. Joan had worked at various jobs over the years, but the role she valued most was being a homemaker and the titles she cherished were wife, mother, and grandmother. An active member of Jantha United Methodist Church, Joan sang in the choir and served as president of UMW for several years. Many will remember her as an election judge for Central Township.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 54 years, John Massa, of the home; three sons, Russ (Denny) Massa, Lamar, Forest Massa, St. Louis, and Kurtis (Angie) Massa, Festus; nine grandchildren, Allie (Clay) Runnels, Makensy Massa, Dylan Massa, Megan Massa (fiancé Devin), Lauren Massa, Blaine Massa, Amber (Will) Finch, Danielle (Jared) Campbell, and Jacob (Taylor) Massa. Joan treasured her six greatgrandchildren and was looking forward to welcoming the seventh who will be born next month. Also surviving are her siblings, Norma (John) McKee, Festus, Myrna, (Don) Linnenkamp, Davenport, Iowa, June (Jerry) Bolen, Huntsville, Alabama, Bill (Paulette) Hardwick, Greenbrier, Arkansas, Donna (Gil) Janes, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Roger Hardwick, St. Louis; two sisters-in-law, Jeanne (Ron) Squalia, San Antonio, Texas and Sherry (Charles) Reed from Tennessee. She leaves a large extended family; a host of close friends and neighbors; and an especially dear friend, Lucille Wolf.



IN MEMORY OF Joan Massa

April 25, 1941 ~ July 21, 2012

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2012 Daniel Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

Rev. Roger McKee

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Wally Norton, Organist
"You Raise Me Up"
"If You Could See Me Now"
"Victory Medley"
Rick Johnson, Recorded Soloist

PALLBEARERS

Russ Massa ~ Forest Massa ~ Kurtis Massa Dylan Massa ~ Jacob Massa ~ Clay Runnels

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Linden Wolf ~ Bruce Wolf ~ Floyd Banwart Leon Coats ~ Brent Hanshaw Blaine Massa ~ Isaac Schmidgall

AT REST

Iantha Cemetery