



## Jo Ann Fleener

June 9, 1961 - September 15, 2016

Jo Ann (Hoffman) Fleener, 55, of Opdyke, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2016, at Nature Trail Health Care Center in Mt. Vernon.

She was born June 9, 1961, in Jefferson County, Illinois, the daughter of Melvin Hoffman and Ruth Ann Davis. She graduated from Woodlawn Grade School and Mt. Vernon Township High School, and was a member at New Hope (Webb) Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

She is survived by her parents, Melvin Hoffman and wife Janet, and Ruth Ann Rice and late husband Ray; Significant Other, Ben Harlan of Opdyke; Two sons, Christopher Kyle Fleener of Mt. Vernon, and Derek Wayne Fleener and partner Chandra Lee of Mt. Vernon; Two daughters, Amy Jo Jenkins of Mt. Vernon, and Kira Kash of Ina; Fourteen grandchildren; one brother, Melvin Hoffman of Denver, Colorado; One step-brother, Rick Rice of Minnesota; Three sisters, Trina Darnell and husband Kevin of Marion, Tracy Simonson and husband Curtis of Texico, and Jamie Alvis and husband Thomas of Walnut Hill; And several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Ray Rice.

Funeral Services for Ms. Fleener will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 19, 2016, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Rev. Merle Fullerton and Gary Chesney officiating. Burial will follow at Smith Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, from 1:00 p.m. until the hour of service. Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice, and will be accepted at the service, or

by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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Mel Hoffman - September 24, 2016 at 01:25 PM



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Osborn Funeral Home - September 19, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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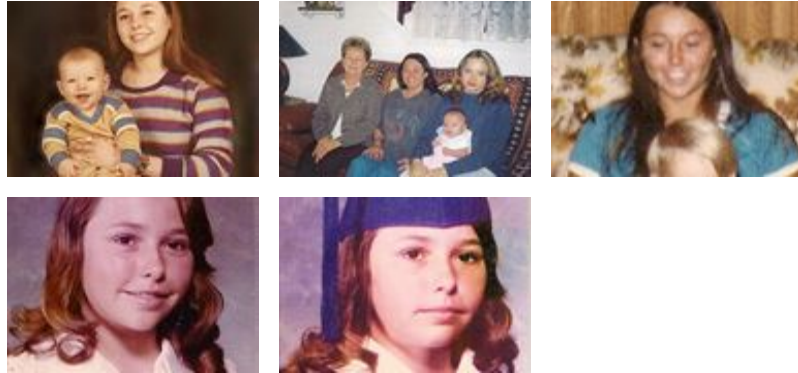
“ *JoAnn was and is one of the best people we've ever had a chance to meet and know. We wanted to send our condolences to the whole family. Some of our family can't make it to the funeral, but you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mom is going to miss all of Jo's phone calls. She became one of our own. She was loved and will be missed greatly.*



Inman family - September 19, 2016 at 06:36 AM



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Osborn Funeral Home - September 18, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ JoAnn was a good friend to me in elementary school when many weren't. My family was poor & often made fun of but JoAnn never cared and she was never ashamed to be seen with me. She had a heart of gold and treated everyone with the same respect that she wanted from others. The world is a dimmer place without you JoAnn. X

Debbie Ilbery-Russo - September 16, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ My condolence to all, Jo was a really good friend & I was very lucky to have known her. I just wish I would of kept in touch with her, definitely my loss. All my thoughts and prayers to everyone 😭

Tonya Duncan - September 16, 2016 at 09:59 PM



“ I've known JoAnn for along time. I have a lot of fond memories of her! She was a sweetheart and genuine person! She will be sadly missed. May you rest in peace JoAnn ❤️

Carrie Ackley - September 16, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ We were in many classes together at Mt. Vernon hs...she was always a good friend and a genuine sweetheart to everyone...she will be missed by everyone who knew her. Prayers to her loved ones.

Janet Owens - September 16, 2016 at 05:03 PM

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Thank you so much

Amy daughter - September 16, 2016 at 05:35 PM

JC

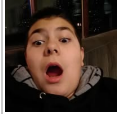
Most of my best childhood memories involved Jo and the other cousins. There were four of them and four of us for a long time and we were always together! Jo taught us the best games(midnight ghost,every kind of tag there was) taught us songs while we waited for the bus in the morning, where to find the best blackberry bushes down the old lane,and more often then not kept us all from doing some really stupid stunts. I thought Jo was the smartest, prettiest, bossiest Cuz I had LOL! But I also remember an old chicken coop way in the back of the house and when i was about four i went exploring even though we had been told to stay out of it and i got hooked on some barb wire and was scratched up and trapped knowing i was going to get whipped when I got found. Jo heard me crying came over got me unstuck, washed me off with the hose and took me to the garden to eat one of Aunt Ruth's home grown tomatoes! She never told a soul! I love you Jo and will always love you for the happy memories of our time in life together. Rest in Peace you were a beautiful flower and will be missed!

Jenny Chinn - September 16, 2016 at 10:34 PM

BB

Bennie...If you need a shoulder to lean on, I'm available most any time. You know where to find me. Sorry to hear about Jo. Your former neighbor and friend, Bonnie

Bonnie Bumpus - September 17, 2016 at 11:16 AM



*I was shocked to hear that jo had passed. My prayers are with the family soooo sorry I really loved her she was a great person with a great heart.*

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**Caty Brgdn** - September 17, 2016 at 05:41 PM

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*May your soul rest in Peace,,,,,,,,, My condolences to the whole family.... I know you will be missed... (tracys mother in law Barbara Simonson, Lipe*

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**barbara simonson lipe** - September 17, 2016 at 06:18 PM

PZ

*So shocked to hear the news of Jo Ann's passing. We were good friends in H.S. but lost track of each other over the years. May you rest in peace sweet friend. My condolences to the family.*

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**Paula Aissie Zdan** - September 22, 2016 at 08:15 AM