



## Joanne Scott

November 30, 1946 - February 22, 2026

Joanne (Schmiege) Scott, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully at her home on February 22, 2026. Jo was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and went on to earn a degree in Social Work from Michigan State University. Neighbors while growing up in Kalamazoo, Jo married Phillip (Phil) in 1968. After moving to Kalkaska, where Phil was employed, Jo began her career teaching Head Start. After taking time off to raise her sons, she resumed working part time as a teacher at ABC Cooperative Nursery School. Jo later transitioned to a 17-year career with the Health Department as a social worker, where she provided maternal support to mothers and babies. Following her retirement, Jo volunteered at the Kalkaska High School Baby Pantry, the Festival of Trees, and served as a trustee on the Kalkaska Library Board. Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Barbara Schmiege, and her brother-in-law, Walter Arnold. She is survived by her loving husband, Phil; her sons, Andrew (Kimberly) Scott of Midland, Michigan, and Steven (Katie) Scott of Kalkaska, Michigan; and her four cherished grandchildren, Ben, Sam, Luke, and Maddie Scott. She is also survived by her sisters, Marilyn Arnold of Chelsea, Michigan, and Kay (Gary) Campbell of Santa Rosa, California. Jo was kind, compassionate and had great empathy. Her favorite moments included reading, traveling, boating, and daily walks, but her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. A celebration of life luncheon and visitation will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 11:30 AM

at Kalkaska Church of Christ. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **18**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Church of Christ  
1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
<http://www.kccwired.com>

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Jo was a beautiful woman and had a caring heart . Mr Scott , Andy and Steve my heart breaks for you all* 💕

Delores - March 07 at 08:06 AM

SB

*I work for a thrift store in Waterford, Mi. We were the grateful recipient of a large estate sale this week, and found a note in a hot chocolate China service which described how much the set was used by Sarah (Martin) Hutson, great grandmother. Please contact me as the provenance of such a set is truly family heritage. If you would like to have it please call me at Open Door Outreach, 248-360-4977*

Sue Beaton - May 16 at 11:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne Scott.*



March 04 at 01:38 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne Scott.*

March 04 at 01:38 PM

LT

“ Jo and I have been friends for many years. She was always warm and caring and an incredibly good listener. I will miss her but am reassured that she is restored and residing in heaven with her dear Lord. She was so fortunate to have been lovingly cared by her husband Phil. I was so very lucky to have called her my best friend which she will always remain. With love , Linda Tibbs

Linda Tibbs - March 02 at 09:44 AM

RO

To the Scott Family, I know you have lost a very caring and lovely soul. My thoughts and prayers are with Y'All as you go forward. Take one day at a time and & hold on to all of your wonderful memories she has left. My thoughts and prayers are with Y'All.  
Patty Rodgers,  
Kalkaska County Clerk Retired

Rodgers - March 10 at 01:29 AM

DG

“ I also worked for DHD10 and always enjoyed Jo's welcoming smile when we went to the Kalkaska Co office for work. She had the best smile, a warm personality and a loving update on her family. May she rest in Peace and your memories of her always remain in your hearts. I wish for you, her family, peace & comfort moving forward.



Deb Gullekson - February 26 at 03:07 PM

SB

“ Please know we are so sorry that Jo has passed. She was a great person and we will miss her. We are thinking about you Phil and praying for you and your wonderful family. If you need to talk or if there is something we can do please let us know. Love, Steve and Ann

Steve Ball - February 26 at 12:40 PM

KW

“ It was truly an honor to be able to care for Jo, although I had only met her a short three months ago she will forever have a lasting impact on me. It was also a joy to be able to get to know her wonderful husband. You both have made an impact on me. Phil I want to thank you for trusting and allowing me to care for Jo in one of the hardest times. I pray that you and your family have strength knowing Jo is resting peacefully. Again thank you for welcoming me into your lives.

Kelsey Wessner - February 25 at 10:07 PM

SG

“ Believe it or not, Joanne has been heavy on my mind lately. I haven't seen or heard from/about her in years, but lately I've been wondering how she (and Phil) have been doing, this breaks my heart. I was a junior in high school when I became pregnant with my first daughter and Joanne was my "worker" through the health department and she was wonderful. I appreciated the time I had with her and how understanding and compassionate she was to me during a very scary unknown time in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with her and those whose lives she has touched. Thank you and peace be with you (Shannon Osborne)



Shannon Goddard - February 24 at 09:30 AM

SD

“ I am so very sorry for your family's loss, and for the community's loss as well. May good memories, good friends, and a loving God comfort you all now and in the future.



Susan DePeel - February 23 at 04:14 PM

KS

*We are so sorry for your loss, she was such a beautiful lady and a wonderful friend and neighbor. Our prayers and love go out to Phil, Andy and Steve.*

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**Kent and Linda Sieting** - March 09 at 06:52 PM