



Joan Murphy

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Today we honor and celebrate the remarkable life of Joann Murphy, who was blessed with 101 years—a life marked by resilience, quiet strength, and enduring faith. Only 1 person in 6,000 lives that long

Joann's journey was one of both simplicity and richness. She lived through a century of change, carrying with her a steady spirit and a deep sense of independence. Though she had no children and was widowed many years ago, her life was not without connection. Friendships, including her bond with Vicky Ortiz, and the care of those who surrounded her in later years, reflected a life touched by meaningful relationships.

Her working years brought her joy and adventure, especially her time traveling to Hawaii through her work with a Hawaiian clothing company. These experiences were part of a life that, while humble, held beauty, movement, and memory.

At her core, Joann was a woman of faith. Raised in the Christian tradition, she remained deeply connected to her beliefs even when her health no longer allowed her to attend church. Her relationship with God was not dependent on a building—it lived within her. In her later days, even as her body grew weaker, her spirit remained engaged, reflective, and grounded in that enduring faith.

In her final chapter, Joann faced the challenges of decline with quiet dignity. Though she experienced increasing isolation and loss of independence, she continued to share her story, her thoughts, and her faith with those who visited her. It was a privilege for Aegis Hospice to walk alongside her, offering comfort, presence, and spiritual support. She reminded us that even in life's closing moments, there is meaning, connection, and grace.

Joann's life may not have been surrounded by a large family, but it was not without love. It was expressed through friendship, through care, and through the sacred moments shared in her final days. Her story is a testament to perseverance, faith, and the quiet impact one life can have.

As we remember Joann Murphy, we do so with gratitude—for her long life, for her witness of faith, and for the gentle legacy she leaves behind.

May she rest in peace, held in the eternal presence of the God she trusted so deeply.

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