

Joann Knierim

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Joann (DeVries) Knierim, age 70, of Byron Center, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.



J. Knierim

She was born to Ralph and Cornelia DeVries in Sully, IA, the first of two children. Joann attended Sully Christian School and Pella Christian High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Dordt College.

She taught elementary grades at Sibley, IA Christian and Sully, IA Christian Schools. After one year as a long term volunteer at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in St. Louis, MO she married Mick Knierim.

As a mother, pastor's wife, and a teacher of women's Bible study and Bible Club in schools, her servant's heart and compassion for leading others to know the Lord was evident to all who knew her.

She expressed her faith in music as an accomplished pianist and organist.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially working in her gar-

den. She was preceded in death by her parents and nephew, Layton DeVries.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Mick Knierim; children, Joel (Carol) Knierim of Byron Center, MI; Beth (Paul) DeBoer of Denver, CO; Carol (Michael) Hunt of Berea, KY; Seth (Sarah) Knierim of the Oregon Coast; fourteen grandchildren, Erin, Kyle, Joshua and Caleb Knierim; Hannah, Annika, Adam and Lacey DeBoer; Joanna, Jaben, Jocelyn and Josiah Hunt; Selah and Gloria Knierim; brother, Leonard (Ruth) DeVries; nephews, Ryan DeVries, Laremy (Becca) DeVries; great niece, Corrie DeVries.

A memorial service to celebrate Joann's life was held Friday, April 8, at Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 930 52nd St., Wyoming with Pastor Ken Smith officiating. Interment at Forest Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends met the family at Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, 4145 Chicago Drive, Grandville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dordt College, Mission India or to Orthodox Presbyterian Church Disaster Relief Fund. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneral-home.com.