



## JoAnne "Jo" Ray

October 15, 1956 - July 20, 2017

JoAnne "Jo" Ray, age 60, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2017, at her home in Adrian, Michigan.

She was born October 15, 1956, in Adrian, Michigan, to Ronald and Phyllis (Peebles) Ray. JoAnne graduated from Adrian High School in 1974, and went on to attend Siena Heights University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. For many years, JoAnne lived in Modesto, California, and those memories always held a special place in her heart. JoAnne was an amazing mother who did everything for her children and grandchildren. She was a passionate and amazing drummer, artist, and woodworker, among her many other talents. Her passion led her to teach her son Robert to play the drums, daughter Nikki to enjoy and create artwork, and son Brett to become an amazing carpenter who has built many great creations. JoAnne had the ability to leave a positive impression with everyone she met and everything she touched. She encouraged her children to follow their dreams. She was a strong and loving woman who was proud that she raised her children on her own.

She is survived by her father Ronald Knight Ray, her children, Robert (Christina) Cotton, Nikki (Jason) Lane, and Brett (Krista) Cotton; five grandchildren, Brandon Meyer, Colin Cotton, Sage Lane, Caitlyn Cotton and Cameron Malone; her siblings, Thomas Ray, Rebecca Carver, and Judith Rumpf. She was preceded in death by her mother Phyllis Ray; a sister Yvonne Ray; and beloved pets Bravo and Squirrel.

Funeral services will take place at 11 am, Thursday, July 27, 2017, at Wagley Funeral Home, with burial at Palmyra Cemetery. A reception will follow at Cotton Brewing Company. All are welcome to attend and celebrate JoAnne's life. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, July 26 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the funeral home and again on Thursday from 10 am until the time of the service.

Contributions in memory of JoAnne may be made to her family. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JUL **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnne "Jo" Ray*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Looks like I'm about 5 years too late did not know my little sweetheart passed away. We were dating on her last year of high school but broke up but still tried to keep in contact with her the last time I seen her she was in the Victorian home I would wish someone would call me and let me know more about this I was online looking and trying to find people that I used to run around with and I come across that Joanne has passed away has made me very sad condolences to the whole family she was a great person smart lovable and a lot of fun to be around. My name is Mark Young I'm going to miss her very much and my telephone number is 941-421-6820 thank you*

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**Mark Young** - July 06, 2022 at 09:41 AM

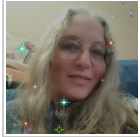


“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JoAnne "Jo" Ray.*



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July 25, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ I thought the world of Jo Ray and Bravo ,we became friends at Merillats ,bless her heart,She was a very understanding and caring person,And i was always amazed of how many cases of green beans she bought for Bravo



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**Sheri Elizardo Lavigne** - July 25, 2017 at 12:58 AM



“ So many memories of Jo. She kept me laughing and smiling always. I send prayers of comfort to all who knew and loved Jo.

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**Krista Schell** - July 24, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ Krista Schell lit a candle in memory of JoAnne "Jo" Ray



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**Krista Schell** - July 24, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ Jo Anne was a truly amazing lady.

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**Jo Ann Palmer** - July 23, 2017 at 08:31 AM

 Rachel  
Conklin

“ Rest in peace Jo. You will be missed, but have surely left a lasting impression on many, including me! Always welcomed me as one of your own and taught me many things! I will think of you everytime i see a movie in the theater since that was something you always loved to do. Thanks for all the memories!

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**Rachel Conklin** - July 23, 2017 at 12:14 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. JoAnne was the sweetest girl...always a smile on her face and so fun to be around. So sad to hear that she passed.

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**Diane Sapiro** - July 22, 2017 at 03:06 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about jo's passing. Prayers with the family. I have fond memories of our many trips on the "paper route".

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**Mary coleman** - July 22, 2017 at 10:41 AM