

Joanne E. (Brandow) Mattes

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OTTAWA — Joanne Mattes, 77, of Ottawa, died Thursday, Jan. 24, at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical

Center in Ottawa. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her children.

Mass of Christian burial will



Mattes

be at 10
a.m.

Monday, Jan. 28, at St. Francis of Assisi Church with the Rev. Jules Adator and Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Mueller Funeral Home in Ottawa. The rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m. with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in attendance.

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Joanne was born on May 22, 1935, in Ottawa, to Donald and Florence (Hall) Brandow. She was a 1953 graduate of Serena High School.

She worked for Libbey-Owens Ford, where she met her husband. She married Robert L. Mattes on Aug. 31, 1957, at St. Joseph Mission Church in Wedron. He died on April 27, 1978.

After she raised her family, she returned to work until her retirement from Farmers Home

Administration in 1996.

She was a lifelong member of St. Francis of Assisi Church, the Altar and Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

She belonged to numerous organizations and clubs including The Ottawa Garden Club, La Salle County Genealogy Guild, and Township Extension

Unit, Alpha Omega Sorority, Preservation of Ottawa History Group and several card clubs.

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She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts and a troop leader for the Camp Fire Girls. She volunteered for many years at the Community Food Basket and the La Salle County Health Department.

Joanne loved working in her many flower gardens and in her yard. She was a diehard White Sox fan, attending many games over the years, and also was an avid Bulls fan. She loved her family more than anything. Her grand-

children were the pride and joy of her life. She never missed a game, dance recital or concert.

She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her three children, Alan (Kathy) Mattes, of Ottawa, Sue (Chris) Ellibee, of Middleton, Wis., and Diane (Kurt) Stevenson, of Ottawa; five grandchildren, Lauren and Abby Mattes and Ashley Jake

and Hayley Stevenson; a sister, Mary Jean Brandow, of Ottawa; and a brother, James Brandow, of Ottawa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bob.

Pallbearers will be Kurt and Jake Stevenson, Chris Ellibee, Marcus Di Sandro, Ken Mattes and Jim Brandow.

Memorials may be directed to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Autism Speaks or to the family to be designated later.

The online guestbook may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.MuellerFH.com.