



Joan Ice

June 21, 1925 - May 30, 2025

Joan (Matthews) Ice, 99, of Mt Summit, passed away on the afternoon of Friday, May 30, 2025.

She was born on June 21, 1925 in Axminster, Devon, England, a daughter of the late Richard and Blanche Matthews.

Joan worked at a carpet factory and during WWII she transitioned into nursing. She met her husband, Richard Ice, in the town of Axminster at a dance while she was serving as a nurse and he was stationed with the Army. They were later engaged on April 20, 1946 and married November 12, 1946 in Gettysburg, PA after the war.

Joan helped with the family farm and raised chickens to sell eggs to be able to travel back to England for visits. She also worked as a teachers aid at Blue River Elementary. She was passionate about the Royal family and collected bone china from coronations and births. Joan was an original member of the Tea Pot Club and also member of two bridge clubs. She also enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking, baking wonderful pies, travelling through Europe, Middle East, South America, Caribbean and spending time at the family cottage on Walloon Lake in Michigan. Joan had a sweet spirit and always showed kindness and love.

Those left to cherish her memory include children, Joe (Betty) Ice and Jill (David) Cook; son-in-law, Charles (Peg) Bell; grandchildren, Angela (Aaron) Miller, Matt (Danielle) Bell, Kelsea (Dean) Behrendsen, Jordan (Alexis) Ice and Christopher Ice-Cook; great-grandchildren, Rylee, Kolby, Marc, Christian, Collin, Lola, Mira, and Luka; nieces, Susan Matthews, and Deby Armstrong and a nephew, Scott Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Ice; a daughter, Jennifer Lou Bell; a brother, Derek Matthews; nephews, Richard Matthews and Trammel Smith and a great-grandson, Malaki Ice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to Senior Living at Forest Ridge Activity Department with envelopes available at the funeral home.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, June 6, 2025 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. A private graveside service will follow at Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 – 1 pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Joan Ice.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery
Prairie, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Michael (Mickey) Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joan Ice*



Michael (Mickey) Thompson - August 08, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MT

“ *My Mother(Lee Thompson) who is now 104 years old was a good friend of Joan and a member of the TeaPot club along with many War Brides for many years...They were a great group of ladies....Blessings and love to the family❤️*

Michael (Mickey) Thompson - August 08, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Joan Ice, *. I vividly recall the moment I met her and Richard. What a joy it was. Joan and I immediately bonded. The beginning of a lovely relationship was in the making. A most welcoming unforeseen event.

Perhaps a bit humorous; but the first detail I learned was she loved orange marmalade! I bundled several packages of it for her from the kitchen that day.

Several nights as I reported in to work, I arrived an hour or more early for Tea & Biscuits. This was our TeaTime. She expected the knock on the door from me. The time flew by so quickly! She told me of some past life memories and experiences. These visits were a treat! During Christmastime, she displayed an array of whimsical notions all around. Beautiful Santas lived about.

Joan introduced me to a delicious British English Breakfast Tea. She enhanced, greatly, my love for Tea and taught me an appreciation for the beverage.

We shared a love of Lavender. She gifted me a tin of English Lavender Talc on Christmas! She also gifted me a darling bone china tea cup and saucer. I will protect, cherish and utilize this always.

We laughed together. We spoke seriously together. Her humor was playful; yet matter of fact.

My life was delicately; yet significantly enhanced by Joan in five quick years. The pleasure of being a caregiver to her was all mine. What a privilege.

I love you, Joan. May I see you in paradise as we continue on...
In CHRIST, Amy Boccock- rca

amy Boccock - June 10, 2025 at 04:55 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Joan Ice Funeral Service*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2025 at 06:03 PM

SM

Thank you for recording & posting this i was able to watch my Auntie Joans lovely funeral service from England.

Susan Matthews - June 08, 2025 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ *Samuel&Joshua, Thomas and Sally purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Ice.*



Samuel&Joshua, Thomas and Sally - June 03, 2025 at 04:10 PM