

HARLAN TRIBUNE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

**Joan Carolyn Prather**

July 31, 1935 - June 12, 2013

LAKE QUIVIRA, KS —

Joan's long struggle for breath is over. She left us on June 12, 2013, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Born in Harlan, July 31, 1935, to Joe and Cecil (Sidel Marie Brodersen) Camery, she graduated from high school at Osceola, in 1953.

Joan was married in 1956 to Ed Prather. She lived in various places around the country and overseas until moving to her beloved Lake Quivira, KS in 1967, where she later sold real estate.

While enjoying reading, cooking, piano, Dixieland jazz, garden club, and golf, Joanie spent many hours watching football, basketball, tennis, and golf, cheering on her favorites (Chiefs). But Joan's passion was BRIDGE, whether playing at The Studio, tournaments, social foursomes or giving lessons on tables she set up in her living room. She and best friend, Patty Calliham, even found a bridge club in London.

She had immense pride in her children, Debbie and David, and her grandchildren, Mandy and Spencer.

Going before her were her parents and brothers, Morgan and Miles Camery. Missing her are her daughter Deborah Prather, Springfield, MO; son David (Vicki) Prather, Lake Quivira, KS; granddaughter Amanda Prather, student at Kansas State, and grandson Spencer Prather, Oklahoma Air National Guard. Her 'very favorite' (and only) sister, Jan (John Lloyd) Pientok, St. Francis, WI; sisters-in-law, Agnes Camery, LeSueur, MN, and Norma Camery, Sun Prairie, WI; special cousins, Gilbert Hoogensen, Harlan; Margy Brodersen Hatcher, Harlan; Max (Carol) Brodersen, McCook, NE; Toodle Shelton and Lou Webber, Richmond, VA, along with numerous nieces, nephews and bridge buddies.

A memorial gathering was held at 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2013 at the Lake Quivira Clubhouse, with a family/friend get-together September 13-14, 2013 in Harlan, IA. In lieu of flowers, Joan requested donations be made to the Red Cross for Moore, OK. In her last rubber match, Joan's final bid, "I'll pass".

