



Johanna (Joan) C. Zurad

January 9, 1932 - January 12, 2024

In loving memory of Johanna (Joan) C Zurad, who passed away peacefully on Friday evening, January 12th surrounded by loved ones. Joan (Jennings) Zurad was born on January 9th, 1932 in Philadelphia, PA to William Jennings and Catherine Coady. Joan attended Hallahan High School, went to work waitressing at the Franklin Motor Inn and eventually became a stay-at-home mom raising 2 beautiful daughters.

After her own daughters grew older, Joan continued babysitting for family and friends because of her affection and love for children. Joan enjoyed going out with her daughters on special occasions (St. Patricks' Day), family dinners and attended social gatherings, especially those with friends from Cathedral, Fairmount, and Brewery-town. Joan was also an avid Phillies and Eagles fan.

Joan is survived by her 2 Daughters, Anastasia Naulty (Kenneth) and Rita Zurad; Brother, Joseph Jennings (Lenore); Nephews, Richard Yoka Sr (Margaret) and John Buchanon (Barbara); Niece, Deborah Gray (Thomas); Grandmom Joan to Richie Yoka Jr, Patrick Yoka and Maggie Yoka, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her siblings, Catherine Parks, Loretta Wilson and Dolores Yoka; also preceded in death by Theodore Yoka (nephew) and Robert Zurad (husband).

Relatives and friends are invited to her funeral mass on Monday, January 22, 2024, 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter and Paul, 18th and Ben Franklin Parkway. Viewing will be held in church from 9 to 10 AM. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market Street, #250, Philadelphia, PA. 19106.

May she rest in peace surrounded by the echoes of laughter, love and the warmth of blessed memories.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *RIP Aunt Joan - I know you'll be watching over our family - Amen!* ”



Rich Yoka Sr - January 20, 2024 at 03:50 PM

CH

“ *Aunt Joan will be missed. She was beautiful inside and out. She always made us laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with Staci and Rita.* ”

Colleen Huelskamp - January 18, 2024 at 12:49 PM

PH

“ *Joan always brought a smile to your face. I will never forget the Mothers Day Brunch I attended With Joan, Rita and My Mom it was so magical. I will miss you Joan Keep smiling down at your family.* ”
Phyllis

Phyllis - January 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

CA

“ *Will miss you Aunt Joan all the New years day stopping in to get warm and take cookies home I hope you are in a great place hug my mom* ”

Cassie alfano - January 18, 2024 at 12:44 PM