



Jo Ann Topoly

July 30, 1947 - March 23, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Jo Ann Topoly, announces her passing after she fought the good fight with cancer on March 23, 2020. She was 73, born in Euclid, on July 30, 1947, to the late Edward and Loretta Pannetta.

Jo Ann worked at General Electric for many years. After her retirement she was involved in various activities in her Catholic faith and community. She also co-hosted a radio show – God’s Saving Word.

Jo Ann was a proud and caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be greatly missed by many.

She was a devoted wife to her husband Joe Topoly. Loving mother to Brent Krakau (Stephanie), Renee Borowski (Brian), and Scott Krakau. Proud and loving grandmother of Anna, Alexis, Lauren, and Mason. Step-Mother to Steve, Mike (Nikki), Carol (Tony), Ann (Tom), John (Andrea), Laura (James) and 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was the walking miracle and will be dearly missed beyond measure by her family, friends, and all the people she met fulfilling God’s mission.

The family will have a private burial but a memorial celebration of her life is being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Catholic church in her honor.

Comments



“ Jo Ann was my “closest” cuz...occasionally we would have sleep overs together, and play together in the back yard. A sleep over then with an opposite sex family member was no big deal then, and we thought nothing of it. Today, we would probably be arrested.

I also remember Aunt Laura's tart cherry and custard pie (my favorite) that she would make on holidays. When we would visit I would ask, “Aunt Laura, did you make the cherry custard pie?...she responded, yes I did...just for you!” Of course I was pleased, but Jo Ann would say to me, “I beg her to make that pie, and she says no...for you...you get the pie!” We had a good laugh about that.

Of course as we grew up and went our separate ways, our contact became less, but we would still get together when the kids were growing up...Cindy and I with Erin and Michael, my sister with Bobby, David, and Patrick, and Jo Ann with Brent, Renee, and Scott. We fell out of touch for a long time, certainly not because of Jo Ann...Cindy and I moved away and stayed away.

More recently, we came back into contact, and would have conversations more of an “adult nature”...discussing family and our faith, and of course laughing over memories. In January our last trip to Cleveland, we met her and Joe and had lunch together. Jo Ann gave Cindy the original recipe for the Cherry custard pie. Now I know why it was so special...looks like it takes 3 weeks to make...a real labor of love.

After our visit, I called a couple of times to “check in”...and that was the last. In these conversations, I have yet to meet an individual so well grounded in her faith. Jo Ann loved her children and Joe deeply, and always wished for them the best. She prayed for them regularly, and “without ceasing” as the Scripture encourages us to do. She “rested” in God's arms and experienced His presence in her life daily in the midst of some terrible suffering. There is so much we cannot understand about our journey on this earth, but I believe with all my heart that when Jo Ann closed her eyes one last time, the next words she heard were “Well done good and faithful servant.” And I also believe that we will see her again.

This is how I remember my Cuz.

Michael Lastoria - March 29 at 10:50 AM



“ Dear Joe and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Jo Ann's passing. She was really a special lady. I was honored to know her and call her friend. I have no doubt she is happy in heaven, and that gives me comfort. Although, I am heartbroken and will miss her so much.

Peace and love to you,

Mary Ann Blase

Mary Ann Blase - March 26 at 11:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Topoly.



March 25 at 05:57 PM



“ Sending my deepest sympathies, I know you have been through so much. Jo Ann was a special lady. I will miss her very much. I loved the long and easy conversations I could always have with her. She was a warm and generous soul. I loved and appreciated her very much. She stepped in and was a grandmother to my children and they loved her. We all loved receiving our special birthday cards every year! I will treasure them and the memories I have when spending time with her.

Laura - March 25 at 04:59 PM



“ Love Laura, James, Karlie and Aiden Andrews purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jo Ann Topoly.



Love Laura, James, Karlie and Aiden Andrews - March 25 at 04:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memory Video





“ Margee Jacobs purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jo Ann Topoly.



Margee Jacobs - March 24 at 08:27 PM



“ Joe and family. My heart is broken. She fought a great fight, gave me great memories and will be forever in my heart and prayers. Hugs and love.

Beth Rossetti - March 24 at 05:10 PM



“ Joe, sorry to hear about your wife. Our hearts go out to you and your family. You are in our prayers. Rick and Carol Offak from VASJ

richard offak - March 26 at 09:06 AM



“ Cousin Joe and family. While we never spent a lot of time together, I will always remember getting holy water from Our Lady of Lourdes sent to us when you learned that my husband, Ken, was diagnosed with cancer. We visited our local Our Lady of Lourdes church every day while undergoing treatment and I placed that water on his throat (that's where cancer was) and so far he has not had it return. That faith is what got you all thru the long difficult road she endured and will get you thru this now. God bless you all!

Micki & Ken Switzler - March 27 at 06:23 PM