



## Joan Marie Godinich

September 2, 1938 - January 25, 2024

Joan Marie Godinich, beloved mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on January 25, 2024, at the age of 85. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Joan was the daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine (nee Luzar) Brodnik.

Joan was a woman of unwavering love and devotion, known for her quick wit and kind heart. Her life was filled with selfless acts of service, whether it was caring for others as a home health aide, working in catering, or providing clerical assistance. She found joy in helping those in need and brought comfort to many individuals and families throughout her years of service.

A faithful and devout parishioner, Joan was an active member of St. Mary Magdalene Church. Her dedication to her faith extended beyond attending Mass, as she volunteered as a Eucharistic minister, participated in Pre-Cana events, and various parish programs. Her spiritual journey was an integral part of her life and brought her great solace and purpose.

She enjoyed watching sunsets along the shores of Lake Erie, hand in hand with her husband, Jack. She found delight in walking and reading that brought her great joy throughout her lifetime. She had a genuine love for spending time with her grandchildren.

Joan cherished her Slovenian heritage and maintained a strong connection to

her roots. Growing up in St. Vitus Church and graduating from Norte Dame Academy, she embraced the rich traditions and values passed down through generations. Joan's love for her heritage was evident in her appreciation for Slovenian food traditions and Polka music, as she would tap her toes to its lively rhythm, bringing smiles to the faces of those around her.

Above all, Joan was a devoted wife, married to the love of her life, Jack M. Godinich, for 56 remarkable years. She was also preceded in death by her sister Eileen Brodnik.

Joan will be lovingly remembered by her adoring daughters, Sue (Jim) Hyde, Jill Piazza, and Jacklyn (Justin) Czekaj, along with her cherished grandchildren, Sean and Troy Hyde, Angelina Piazza, and Isabel and William Czekaj. She leaves behind a host of extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on January 30, 2024, from 4pm till 7pm at Monreal Funeral Home 35400 Curtis Blvd. A Funeral Mass celebrating Joan's life will take place on January 31, 2024, at 10:30 am at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Joan will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

In honor of Joan her family kindly requests that donations be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve or St. Mary Magdalene Church.

May the memories of Joan Marie Godinich continue to inspire us all, reminding us to live with compassion, embrace our heritage, and always find joy in the simple pleasures that life has to offer.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

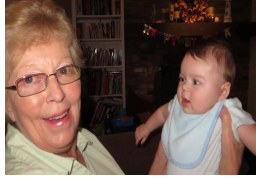
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St. Mary Magdalene Church  
32114 Vine St.  
Willowick, OH 44095

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“ *Most every memory I have of Joan is inextricably intertwined with her husband Jack...which probably tells All that You need to know. It was a great partnership with a wonderful family focus that extended beyond into many other of Joan's daily life's activities. She was always there with a helping hand especially with her Aunts Ron and Mitz and many, many others. She was incredibly giving of her time and interest as any person I knew. If anyone cared as much about everyone as Joan did this world would be a better place. Our sympathies to All. Dennis & Sandy Eckart*

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**Dennis Eckart** - January 26, 2024 at 02:49 PM