



Joan (Graetz) Jacob

July 22, 1941 - January 27, 2023

Joan Graetz Jacob, age 81, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away January 27, 2023, at home, following an extended illness. Joan was born July 22, 1941, the daughter of Bernard and Virginia (Betts) Graetz. She is survived by her two siblings, Jane Recker of Napoleon, Ohio and John (Jan) Graetz, Rochester Hills, Michigan, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her sister, Jean Dever (Napoleon, Ohio), passed away in 2022.

Joan received her Nursing Diploma from Toledo Hospital, School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio in 1962. She later obtained a Bachelor's degree from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a Master's degree in Nursing Science from Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

Joan's nursing career involved working at Toledo Hospital, then University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ohio, and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. She was Chief Nurse of Surgical Nursing Services at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. For 15 years she was a Nurse Specialist in Research in the Medicine Branch of the Cancer Institute, NIH.

Upon her retirement, Joan served as a volunteer, intercessor, and base nurse in Ebenezer Emergency Fund, Operation Exodus (Odessa, Ukraine), EZRA

International (Kiev, Ukraine), and Gateways Beyond, Cyprus.

The family suggests memorial donations to an organization of the donor's choice.

Please leave an online condolence for the family.

Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home of Napoleon, Ohio was entrusted with handling Joan's cremation and funeral details.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sadly we have just learned of the death of Joan Jacob. We were close neighbors and friends of Joan in the early 1970s when our children were young. Many memories stand out of Joan's caring and giving of herself when help was needed. One that stands out was when our youngest son, a two-year-old at the time, had a seizure from which we couldn't arouse him. She took over the care of our four year-old son while we raced to the hospital following the ambulance. She remained with him until we we were able to return later that day.

A year later Pat spent a much needed break from child care at the urging of Dick, and Joan and Pat traveled to Ocean City for a three-day holiday.

The boys loved Joan. Her nickname for them was "Buster". When we relayed the news of Joan's passing, this was their response -

Chris -- "So sad. She was such a kind, sweet person."

David -- "Oh, that' sad to see. She was such a good neighbor to have growing up."

We all loved Joan and are so sad to hear the news.

Sincerely.

Pat and Dick Baker

Patricia Baker - June 15, 2023 at 01:09 PM

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“ There aren't enough words to describe Joan's loving, kind, generous nature. She always had a kind word, hug and a prayer to give and always seemed to know when they were needed. She touched so many hearts and will be sorely missed. I believe the Lord sent her into my life when I truly needed it . I feel blessed to have called her my friend. Rest in peace Joan. I love you - Kyra

Kyra Snell - January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

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“Joan was a very special friend that God sent my way through my shop; I am forever grateful for the love and faith she shared with me and really everyone she met. My favorite expression that I will so miss hearing her say is "Get over it!" Always delivered in a loving, stress relieving way when something didn't go quite right. Until we meet again, dearest Joan. ~robin

Robin Weirauch - January 29, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joan (Graetz) Jacob.



January 29, 2023 at 09:38 AM

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“So sorry for your loss.
Tim and Nannette Spurgeon

Tim and Nannette Spurgeon - January 27, 2023 at 07:29 PM