



Joan Marie Massey

November 20, 1936 - November 2, 2021

Joan Marie Massey, age 84, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died November 2nd, 2021, peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 20th, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to John Lewis and Martha (Downs) Crockett.

Joan grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and was a proud graduate of Sault High School. She met the love of her life, Eugene Massey by happenstance. He was walking down the street and was introduced by a mutual friend. She was dressed to the nines as a simple yet elegant lady. He asked her if she would go to the Lake Superior State Basketball game, and she agreed. To make sure he would ask her on a second date, she left her earrings in his car. The rest is history and they married October 29th, 1960, at St. Mary's Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Joan was a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace as well as the St. Anne's Altar Society. She was a woman of God and would not miss a mass. She had her two priorities, church, and family. Everything else would always come after those two things.

Joan loved to go shopping and work in the garden. She also enjoyed cooking and baking. She was a lover of golden retrievers and she loved taking her dogs out on walks. She also loved to dine out, from Penny's Kitchen in the

Soo to the Dam Site Inn in Pellston for special family occasions. She will always be remembered by her family and friends for her unparalleled sense of style, strong will and quick wit. And especially for her continuous stockpiling of toilet paper aka her 'Museum of Toilet Paper'.

Joan is survived by her husband, Eugene; daughter, Ann Massey of St. Ignace; daughter-in-law Chris Massey of Dyer, Indiana; grandsons, William, Patrick, and Michael; grand pups, Shamus and Sundance; sister-in-law, Emma Crockett; special niece, Francis Joan Peliter; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, John and Martha Crockett; son, Michael Massey; brothers, John "Jack", Charles, and William Crockett; and sister Mary Crockett-Cleveland.

Services will be held November 15th, 2021, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 10:00AM to 11:00 AM with the service to follow.

Her final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to: Fr. Frank Ricca, Dr. Angela DesAntis, Ruby Shaffer, Kim Hagen, Kim St. Andrew, Regina Mayla, Sharon Lasley, Colleen Lindeman and McLaren Hospice; especially her nurse Kalce and Aide Tina. The family would also like to extend a special thank you to The Shepler Family, their Ferry company and crew for their kindness, compassion and understanding when it came to facilitating Ann's work environment, ensuring her mother (Joan) could have her last wish to be cared for and pass peacefully at home.

Galer Dodson Funeral Home & Cremation in St. Ignace, Michigan, is serving

the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church
120 Church
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Marie Massey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joan Marie Massey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joan Marie Massey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My dear friends, I am totally saddened by Joan's passing. She was a beautiful lady - inside & out. May the Lord comfort you. Love, Mary & Justin*

Mary Marquis - November 16, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kimberly Hagen - November 12, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KH

“ Ann and Gene, Chris, Michael, William, & Patrick ... plus Sunny dog and all the extended family: We are so sorry for your loss. Diesel Dog always enjoyed seeing his Gramma Joan and get spoiled with sneaking him "Cole Meat" slices from Neville's. He learned just how to cock his head to flirt with her! I've always appreciated her generosity in taking me into your lovely family, opening my eyes to the wonderful chicken dinners at the Dam Site and birthday treats at the Hack-Ma-Tack Inn and just this past July ... enjoying dining at the lawn at the Iroquois! Just as important were lunches at Penny's Kitchen and trips to the Soo. Even when it was a visit to the hospital, Joan made us all laugh with some insightful barb or unexpected praise.

She'll be watching over you all from a much better place and in peace. She was on par with my Grandma Caroline, who never missed a Mass except when she was ill, prayed the rosary and taught us how to say our "Hail Mary" even though my parents never attended Church.

It's been a long road, but I know she appreciated the fact that you worked so hard to provide her peace, companionship, care, and familiar surroundings at home, even with all the challenges that entailed for you. Take comfort in that you both did more than anyone could possibly manage to make that happen. Lots of Love from Kim and the Doggies here up on Mackinac Trail!

Kimberly Hagen - November 12, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GB

“ Many great memories were made at the Massey home. Joan was a gem to be with, she loved her family and was a protective Mama Bear. All our love to Gene and Ann Marie. The Bentley Family



Geneva Bentley - November 11, 2021 at 07:00 PM

TN

“ I'd just like to extend heartfelt condolences to the Massey family on Joan's passing. I'm sorry I didn't know her well other than to occasionally cross paths in St. Ignace, but certainly always a most classy, elegant and personable lady with great family values.

Tom North - November 10, 2021 at 06:31 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss Eugene. We are all getting old and guess we should expect it but it is hard to lose your partener. May she rest in peace.

Carol Lalonde hamp - November 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM