



Joyce Milligan

April 19, 1934 - January 28, 2022

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend on January 28, 2022. Joyce passed peacefully, with the love of her family surrounding her.

Joyce Arlene Milligan was born, April 19, 1934, to Gabrielle "Charlie" and Assunta (nee Vigna) DeSimon in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She was the youngest of eight children, raised in a bustling Italian home, a gathering place for many, always filled with laughter and love. As an adult, family would continue to be a great source of delight and pride for Joyce. She went on to make great memories with her husband, children, and grandchildren as well as her siblings and extended family. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Joyce is survived by her devoted husband, Corwin "Corky" Milligan, her three loving children, CoreyAnn (Jeff) Milligan-Gniewek of Brighton, MI, Randall (Sue) Milligan of Williamsburg, VA, Robert (Trina) Milligan of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and by her sister, Dorothy (Robert) Bonell of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Joyce is also survived by her grandchildren, Ryan Gniewek, Michael Milligan, Casey Milligan, Aurora (Jordan) Ramsey, and Brandon Maeers, who were the joy of her life.

One of Joyce's greatest passions was teaching. She received her Bachelor's and Master's from Northern Michigan University, graduating with Honors and was inducted as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society.

Working in education in both Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie,

Michigan, she was an ardent teacher, administrator, and professor for 40 years, and is fondly remember by many of her students as a dedicated mentor.

Active in many organizations, Joyce was devout Christian, and gave much of her time to the church. She served in the Altar Society at both St. Mary's Pro Cathedral (Sault Ste. Marie, Mi) and St Francis Xavier (Brimley, Mi) where she was also the Chairperson for the Pasty Committee. She was also involved in BPW, the Sault Bowling Association, G. Verdi Lodge, Princess Marie Jose Lodge and National Council, Marconi Society, and the Christopher Columbus Italian Society.

A memorial gathering will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, February 4, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church with Father Nick and Father Tim as co-celebrants.

Joyce is now Resting in Peace with Christ our Lord

In Lieu of Flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's, St Francis Xavier Parish, or St Mary's Parish or School, or Hospice of EUP.

Burial will be held at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens on August 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Dear Randy, Susie, Michael, and Family, my prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I feel so blessed I was able to meet and get to know your Dear Mom. Love, Lisa

Lisa grain - February 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Sending out condolences to your family and friends. Your mother will be in all our hearts forever. She was a great friend of our mother "Maggie" for many years. Pretty sure if there's a Bowling Alley up there. They will be throwing strikes together. Rest In Peace. The Fruik Boys



Fruik Boy's - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear Corky & family. I am deeply saddened to learn of Joyce's passing. She was a lovely lady, and I truly enjoyed our conversations both personally and professionally. It was always a pleasure to see Joyce and Corky at our Student Awards Receptions. Education and helping students, was so important to Joyce & Corky, and the organizations that they represented. My heartfelt condolences to all of you. She will be missed a great deal. Rest in peace Joyce, 'till we meet again.

Bev Teller - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Mrs. Milligan was my 6th grade teacher at McKinley School in SSM, MI. in the mid 80s. Her and Mr. Verlin Kusler were co-teachers for our class. I fondly remember her as a stern but caring and compassionate teacher. Prayers to your family at this very tough time.



Lisa M (Kellis) Perry - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ My my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss.



Frank desimone - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dearest Rob and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy we are sending prayers and hugs to you and your family.

Rachael Brown

Rachael Brown - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing; my condolences to her family. We bowled together for several years...she always had a smile, even when the game wasn't going so well....she loved to laugh, and best of all she loved life. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Glory J Hines - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Corky and families, please accept our most sincere sympathies and condolences on the passing of Joyce.

Brenda and Len Fera

Brenda and Len Fera - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Corky we are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I let my mom know as well. We send you all our deepest condolences.

Donna and Jamie Orlando, Brenda Filipetti

Donna Filipetti-Orlando - February 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ Corky, family and extended families.
Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts or memories. Her smile that lit up where ever she went, whomever she met.
When someone that you love becomes a memory, that memory will then become a treasure.
Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.
Rest in peace our forever , unforgettable friend..This is not good-bye .. until we meet again.

In sisterhood...

*Mary Wishon, Lois Turcotte, Helen Calvelli,
Shirley Russell, Dorothy Bonell, Clara DiBattisti*

In Sisterhood - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Corky, family and extended family,
It was quite a shock to hear about Joyce's passing,
Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel
for such a great loss.
She was a leader, she was a great President, she was very
dedicated to her position guiding us for all these years.
Madame President..we are visualizing you with your briefcase and
Robert's Rules of Order in preparation to hold a meeting with our
deceased members. A smile on your face greeting one and all. She
has left a wonderful legacy. Treasure it, treasure the happy
memories,
This is not adieu but we shall see you one day and attend a meeting
at the Pearly gates .
Princess Marie Jose and G Verdi Lodges

Princess Marie Jose and G Verdi Lodges - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ Corky, family and extended family,
On behalf of Lodge # 919 Croatian Fraternal Union we extend our
sincere sympathy and prayers in the loss of your dear wife, mother,
Nonna . She was a sweet kind loving woman and always a true
lady. She has left you with beautiful memories and she will remain in
your hearts forever. God bless and take comfort in the legacy she
has left you, especially in the difficult days ahead. We remain
saddened for your loss and are thinking of you all.
neka počiva u miru ...May she rest in peace.
Helen Calvelli
President

Croatian Fraternal Union - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Corky, family and extended family,
We have truly lost a wonderful and outstanding long time Elettra Marconi Society member.
Memories of Joyce at the NOILA conventions, at our banquets, our meetings..
She will be remembered .Treasure the memories. She may be out of sight but always on our minds and in our hearts.
Please accept our sincerest condolences and know that we are thinking of you all at this difficult time.
**Le nostre più sincere condoglianze alla famiglia... Ma non è mai davvero andato avanti per sempre. Che riposi in pace.
**Our deepest sympathies go out to you at this very sad and difficult time. May the many wonderful memories you shared provide you some comfort in at this time
Elettra Marconi Society

Elettra Marconi Society - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Joyce will be missed by Verne and Vi Coutant's family. Corky and Joyce had a lot of fun together with our parents. We're sure she's playing cards with them now. 🥰

Terri Bugli - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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FS

“ My sincere condolences to the extended family and friends of Joyce. Rest in Peace 🙏.

Fern Spencer - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers for your family during this difficult time.

Marvin & Carol Driedric - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Thank you Joyce for letting me work with the wonderful pasty group at St Xavier's. Also i enjoyed having breakfasts at the kings club and at jacks. Your leadership was inspiring but the times with pasties and breakfasts are my fondest memories. My best to your family and friends



Melissa J Washburn - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Uncle Corky, CoreyAnn, Robby and Randy,

Sending our condolences and love to you all. Knowing that Auntie Joyce is with the rest of the family singing, dancing and just enjoying each other again makes me smile. ❤️



Wendy Hudson - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM