



Joan P Wirth

November 1, 1933 - January 30, 2018

Joan Patricia (Fager) Wirth, 84, of Ocean Twp, New Jersey died peacefully, surrounded by her family on January 30, 2018. She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, the daughter of Frances (Clancy) and Philip Fager, and grew up in Fairview. She graduated from Memorial High School in West New York in 1951, then worked as secretary for McGraw Hill in New York.

She met the love of her life, Martin C. Wirth, (then an Air Force pilot) at a blind date arranged by mutual friend, Harry Geyer, in 1954. The two married at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Fairview, in 1956.

Joan and Marty raised four children in their homes: first in Buzzard's Bay Massachusetts, then in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. In 1963 they moved their growing family to Manalapan where they lived for more than 30 years. Joan and Marty also lived in Punta Gorda, Florida, for 26 years, and most recently in Ocean Township.

All her life, Joan was a caregiver and loyal friend. If anyone needed help or a shoulder to lean on, she was there. She was a dedicated homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She was also a wonderful cook and enjoyed entertaining. For decades Joan and Marty hosted an annual family party that helped keep the family close. One of Joan's favorite hobbies was tennis and she was a competitive player, serving on numerous teams both in New Jersey

and in Florida.

And in the face of life's many storms Joan always kept her faith in God.

She was preceded in death by her son Martin Wirth, Jr., brother Philip Fager Jr. and brother-in-law Al Tamburro.

She is survived by her beloved husband Martin C. Wirth; sons James (Patti) Wirth and Michael (Claire) Wirth and daughter Linda (Jeffrey Shwartz); and grandchildren Alexander and Kyle Wirth of La Conner Washington, Brendan Wirth of Huntington Station, New York, and Sydney and Samantha Shwartz of Middletown, New Jersey. She is also survived by sister-in-law Ann Fager, sisters MaryAnn (Daniel) Ambrosio and Eileen Tamburro; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. Joan was loved by all who were fortunate enough to know her, and will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 am Friday, Feb 9, at the Church of St. Anselm, 1028 Wayside Rd., Tinton Falls, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Meridian Hospice at <http://www.meridianathome.com/MAH/Give/index.cfm>

To leave an online condolence, please visit Joan's memorial page at www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Uncle Marty, Linda, Jimmy, Michael and their families. Very sad about Aunt Joan's passing. I have wonderful memories of visiting during a summer week when we were kids, how Aunt Joan used to threaten us with her singing, lol. She was a wonderful lady who I admired and an Aunt who meant so much to me through my adulthood. She was elegant, thoughtful, always dressed beautifully and most importantly, she was always there for my mother and our whole family. All of our love, the Sotkovsky family Susan, Mark, Ryan, Katie & Bob.*

Susan Sotkovsky - February 08, 2018 at 09:48 AM

EW

“ *_Marty and Family: Sorry to read of Joan's passing in Sunday APP Press. She is at rest now and one day to all meet again !!. My Wife Joyce has had two strokes, many falls-4 MMC and Genesis visits and back in Genesis again. Wheelchair bound-Dementia, trouble talking, needs constant care-so, many problems!...
...Again many thoughts and prayers to all !!...
Old flying buddy,
Edward Wilson*

Edward Wilson - February 04, 2018 at 01:01 PM

JE

“ Dear Marty and Family,

We are very sad about our dear friend Joan passing. She meant so much to both of us. We had so many good times together over the years and even though we had not seen much of the two of you since you moved back to New Jersey, you were always in our thoughts. Joan and I had many long telephone conversations sharing stories of our families. And you both have been in our prayers daily since last October.

We remember the many years we celebrated our May wedding anniversaries together with Carl and Jan as well. Joan and I were on the same tennis team for many years and were tennis partners for at least two seasons and always enjoyed playing together. Eddy and I remember how much we enjoyed a visit with you and Joan to Cleveland one summer to visit Jan and Carl and the summer you all came to Canandaigua to visit us.

Jan and I still miss her greatly when we go to lunch in Punta Gorda. We checked out many local restaurants to see if it was someplace the six of us could go for dinner. We used to kid her about never making any left-hand turns. She was a fantastic cook and we enjoyed many wonderful meals at your condo. Joan was a big part of our lives and we will always remember her.

Joan was a completely selfless person, always helping out when needed by your family and her sisters and their families. She was a strong person whose faith in God carried her through many trials, always optimistic and cheerful. She took great pleasure in seeing her grandchildren grow into fine young men and women, getting their education and showing great promise of later successes. She felt

blessed to be a part of their lives. She will be greatly missed.

You can all be proud that you lovingly saw that she was well cared for after the tragic stroke. We know she is home with our Lord and at peace. We wish you God's peace as well.

With our love and deepest sympathy,

Jackie and Eddy

Jackie & Ed - February 03, 2018 at 05:31 PM

AW

“ *Alexander Wirth lit a candle in memory of Joan P Wirth*



Alexander Wirth - February 03, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Claire lit a candle in memory of Joan P Wirth*



Claire - February 03, 2018 at 02:58 PM

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Linda Wirth - February 02, 2018 at 10:54 AM

BF

I am so very sorry for your loss. 💙

Barbara Franklin Fuller - January 12, 2019 at 03:55 PM

CK

“ *Carol Karp lit a candle in memory of Joan P Wirth*



Carol Karp - February 02, 2018 at 08:48 AM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Joan P Wirth*



Linda - February 02, 2018 at 08:30 AM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in
memory of Joan P Wirth*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 08:53 PM